



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

**ANNUAL SUMMARY
2021**



Tēnā koe e hoa,

Safeguarding Children is a registered charity dedicated to the prevention of child abuse in Aotearoa New Zealand. Starting from our humble background in 2011, our charity has developed into a leading child protection training and consultancy provider due to the unparalleled commitment from our team, voluntary board and supporters. This dedication has rewarded us with an unrivalled reputation for delivering high-quality flexible services that meet the needs of the people and organisations we work with.

We constantly ask New Zealanders to rise to the challenge of preventing and responding to child abuse. However, this wasn't the only challenge our country faced during the past year as the impact of a global pandemic hit home. Safeguarding Children was prepared for this as the result of our decision several years ago to invest in digital technology as a way to meet the demand for our training and reach as many people as possible. This decision ensured we could pivot our services swiftly in response to the pandemic without losing focus on the best outcomes for children.

I am incredibly proud of the multi-talented and dedicated team at Safeguarding Children. It is a privilege for me to lead the people I have around me; it is both humbling and inspiring every day. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than seeing them grow in their individual roles and courageously contribute collectively to this important mahi.

Child abuse is preventable, not inevitable. Every one of us has a role to play in keeping children safe. Preventing abuse is the responsibility of everyone. Children rely on the adults around them to keep them safe. Our annual summary clearly demonstrates that nothing will stop us in our pursuit of reducing the rates of child abuse in Aotearoa New Zealand, not even a global pandemic!

Kia kotahi te hoe o tō tatou waka

“Let us paddle our waka as one”

Willow Duffy

Safeguarding Children CEO



ORGANISATION

Safeguarding Children is continually looking at ways of improving how it operates, is represented and the service it provides. This year has seen the expansion of its team to enable this continual improvement. It is also the result of increased demand for child protection education as more people and organisations become aware of its necessity.



Invested in our team

Professional development opportunities provided and encouraged



Expanded our team

3 new team members employed, growing our in-house knowledge and expertise



Mobile workforce

All staff set up to be able to work from home or office - enabled business to operate during Covid lockdown



Continuous improvement

Opportunities to improve business operations constantly sought and implemented



Website additions

Regularly updated to ensure visitors experience an informative, easy to navigate site



Celebrating

10 YEARS

Safeguarding Children
Tiakina ngā tamariki

EDUCATION

The innovative team at Safeguarding Children have been busy developing new course material offered in face to face, webinar or eLearning formats. In response to Covid, a significant amount of our training is now being delivered online.

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New Courses



Face to Face

Recognising & Responding - Grooming



eLearning

Recognising & Responding - Grooming



Webinars

Child Protection Leads
Child Protection Policy
Information Sharing

Recognising & Responding series:

- Grooming
- Child Abuse & Neglect - Social Services
- Child Abuse & Neglect - Schools
- Child Abuse & Neglect - Youth Workers

Recorded Webinar series:

- Disclosures
- Information Sharing

Child-Safe Organisations - FREE!

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The quality of the content and relevance to our work mean Safeguarding Children trainings are something I will encourage others to also do to remain current/confident in their practice

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TRAINING

Safeguarding Children delivers training nationwide and caters for individuals, groups and organisations. By increasing awareness and encouraging people to report child abuse and neglect, we hope to make Aotearoa New Zealand a safe and happy place for our children and young people to grow and reach their full potential.

Delivering high quality, relevant child protection training resulting in repeat custom.

2021

Training Statistics

6000
Child Protection trainings completed



Philanthropic funding has enabled Safeguarding Children to train 400 individuals for FREE

BESPOKE SERVICES

Safeguarding Children delivers bespoke training and a range of consultancy services. As a leading child protection educator with online learning capability, a number of organisations have recently approached us to develop and host sector specific child protection eLearning courses. This experience has added to our growing list of services we can provide. Growing recognition of our expertise and reputation is also helping us to build strong collaborative relationships with key local and national groups which ultimately benefit children.

4 elearning courses
for Early Childhood Education
& Health



Sector specific training

for a variety of education, sport & government organisations

Recognised expertise

for a national complaint line



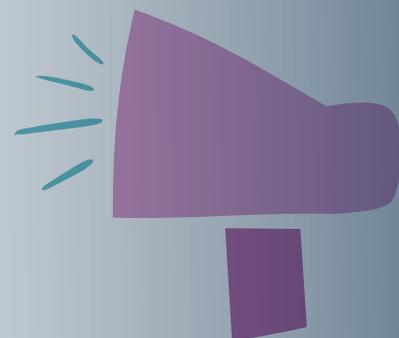
Complete child protection

system for a vulnerable community

Proud to be working with

 **Empowerment Trust**

ADVOCACY



The children and young people of Aotearoa New Zealand need support lent to their voices, particularly to help those needing to live a life free of abuse and neglect. Safeguarding Children has identified opportunities to help them be heard and 2021 has seen a number initiatives launched to strive towards this goal.

Safeguarding Children regularly contributes to Family Violence and Child Abuse Prevention networks

Petitions

Submissions made to parliament for legislation change:

- Amend Children's Act 2014 to protect children from abuse
- Amend Crimes Act 1961 to make all sexual grooming of children a crime

Submissions

- Protected Disclosures (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill
- NZ Royal Commission of Inquiry - Abuse in Care
- National Strategy and Action Plans to eliminate family violence and sexual violence
- Crimes (Child Exploitation Offences) Amendment Bill

Launched

Child Protection Week - September



THANK YOU

The accomplishments achieved in 2021 by the dedicated team at Safeguarding Children could not have been possible without help from our financial supporters and advocates. This support is essential for us to continue providing child protection education and is immensely appreciated - thank you!



Together

let's make a

difference!

