



Child Safe Code of Conduct

All staff, including volunteers, interns or trainees of Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who engage with our organisation. All paid and unpaid staff are expected to act in accordance with this Code of Conduct in their physical and online interactions with children and young people under the age of 18 years.

I will:

- Act in accordance with Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures at all times.
- Behave respectfully, courteously and ethically towards children and their families and towards other staff.
- Listen and respond to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they communicate (verbally or non-verbally) that they do not feel safe or well.
- Promote the human rights, safety and wellbeing of all children.
- Demonstrate appropriate personal and professional boundaries.
- Consider and respect the diverse backgrounds and needs of children.
- Create an environment that promotes and enables children’s participation and is welcoming, culturally safe and inclusive for all children and their families.
- Involve children in making decisions about activities, policies and processes that concern them wherever possible.
- Contribute, where appropriate, to Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policies, discussions, learning and reviews about child safety and wellbeing.
- Identify and mitigate risks to children’s safety and wellbeing as required by Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s risk assessment and management policy or process.
- Respond to any concerns or complaints of child harm or abuse promptly and in line with Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policy and procedure for receiving and responding to complaints.
- Report all suspected or disclosed child harm or abuse as required by legislation and by Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policy and procedure on internal and external reporting.
- Comply with Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s protocols on communicating with children.
- Comply with legislation and Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policies and procedures on record keeping and information sharing.

No person shall:

- Engage in any unlawful activity with or in relation to a child.
- Engage in any activity that is likely to physically or emotionally harm a child.
- Unlawfully discriminate against any child or their family members.
- Be alone with a child unnecessarily.
- Arrange personal contact, including online contact, with children for a purpose unrelated to the organisation’s activities.



- Disclose personal or sensitive information about a child, including images of a child, unless the child and their parent or legal guardian consent or unless I am required to do so by Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policy and procedure on reporting.
- Use inappropriate language in the presence of children, or show or provide children with access to inappropriate images or material.
- Work with children while under the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs.
- Ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child harm or abuse.

If I think this Code of Conduct has been breached I will:

- Act to prioritise the best interests of children.
- Take actions promptly to ensure that children are safe
- Promptly report any concerns to Emma Reardon of Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting
- Follow Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policies and procedures for receiving and responding to complaints and concerns.
- Comply with legislative requirements on reporting if relevant, and with the Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting’s policy and procedure on internal and external reporting.

I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct during my employment with I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct during my employment with Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting

I understand that breaches of this Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action or termination of my employment with Inspire Joy – Educational Therapy & Consulting.

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Signature

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Full Name

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Date