



Dear stakeholder,

We are currently awaiting an overhaul to the child protection process and are at present, utilising an award winning process put into action by our previous Child Protection Contractor. This process was implemented in 2014 and involves the following;

- All volunteers and staff to attend Foundational Child Protection Training;
  - A training package set up to provide volunteers and staff with the knowledge to recognise the need for reporting on likely abuse or harm experienced by a child attending ERCKWA programs (the report can be made on anything reported that is on or outside of the programs),
  - The package provides volunteers with the information needed to make a report on likely abuse or harm.
  
- Two volunteers attending a camp program (one female and one male, for female and male reports respectively) to be given the role of Reporting Officer;
  - A training package has previously being provided to interested volunteers to undertake the role of 'Reporting Officer.' Volunteers in this role are trained to receive reports on a camp program and pass on the information to the Child Protection Contractor.

The Child Protection Contractor, a qualified social worker can then make the decision whether the information needs to be passed on to the Police and or the Department for Communities. Staff at ERCKWA are also made aware of all reports so that information can be passed on to the referral agencies and families as necessary.

Families need to be aware that not all information will be passed on to them unless it is deemed safe; however other agencies (referral agencies) can be made aware of the reports so that they can take action as necessary.

In 2020, ERCKWA will be taking on new and exciting process that involves more support and training for staff and volunteers. Details of this process will be made available on its implementation in 2020.

We look forward to what 2020 will bring.

Regards,

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