

CAMBO WRAPAROUND

Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

At Cambo Wraparound we believe to promote children's rights and entitlements we need to:

- Promote children to be *strong, resilient and listened to* by creating an environment in our setting that encourages children to develop a positive self image, which includes their heritage arising from their colour and ethnicity, their languages spoken at home, their religious beliefs, cultural traditions and home background.
- We will promote children to be *strong, resilient and listened to* by encouraging children to develop a sense of autonomy and independence.
- We will promote children to be *strong, resilient and listened to* by enabling children to have the self-confidence and the vocabulary to resist inappropriate approaches.
- We will help children to establish and sustain satisfying relationships within their families, with peers, and with other adults.
- We will work with Wraparound parents to build their understanding of, and commitment to, the principles of safeguarding all our children.

At Cambo Wraparound we believe what it means to promote children's rights and entitlements to be '*strong, resilient and listened to*' is as follows:-

To be **strong** means to be:

- **secure** in their foremost attachment relationships where they are loved and cared for, by at least one person who is able to offer consistent, positive and unconditional regard and who can be relied on;
- **safe and valued** as individuals in their families and in relationships beyond the family, such as in our Wraparound facility.
- **self assured** and form a positive sense of themselves – including all aspects of their identity and heritage;
- **included equally and belong** in Wraparound and in community life;

To be **strong** means to be:

- **confident in abilities** and **proud** of their achievements;
- **progressing optimally** in all aspects of their development and learning;
- **to be part of a peer group** in which to learn to negotiate, develop social skills and identity as global citizens, respecting the rights of others in a diverse world; and
- **to participate and be able to represent themselves** in aspects of service delivery that affects them as well as aspects of key decisions that affect their lives.

To be **resilient** means to:

- **be sure** of their self worth and dignity;
- be able to be **assertive** and state their needs effectively;

- be able to **overcome** difficulties and problems;
- **be positive** in their outlook on life;
- be able to **cope** with challenge and change;
- have a **sense of justice** towards self and others;
- to develop a **sense of responsibility** towards self and others; and
- to be able to **represent** themselves and others in key decision making processes.

To be **listened to** means:

- that all our staff will recognise the child's need and **right to express and communicate** their thoughts, feelings and ideas;
- all staff are able to **tune in** to their verbal, sign and body language in order to understand and interpret what is being expressed and communicated;
- all staff are able to **respond appropriately and, when required, act upon their understanding** of what children express and communicate ; and
- all staff **respect children's rights** and **facilitate children's participation and representation** in imaginative and child centred ways in all aspects of core services.