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1.15 Child Care Services Taree & Districts Inc.

Environmental Responsibilities Policy

Child Care Services Taree & Districts Inc. aims to ensure the environment is safe, clean and sustainable. We believe in educating participants, employees and all stakeholders about the environment which is promoted through daily practices, resource and interactions. Sustainable practice will be encouraged within the service assisting all stakeholders to become advocates for a sustainable future.

The Purpose of the Policy:

We encourage awareness of environmental responsibilities and implement practices that contribute to a sustainable future. Stakeholders are supported to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment.

Learning about sustainability starts with everyday practice. We believe environmentally sustainable practices should be embedded into the operations of the service. Our service is committed to protecting our environment to ensure a sustainable future for all children.

Expectations

Child Care Services Taree & Districts Inc. will endeavour to;

- Promote environmentally responsible behaviour and educate on environmental issues among our staff, participants, suppliers, and the community.
- Reduce waste going to the landfill by minimizing amount of waste produced, reusing materials when possible, and recycling other wastes.
- comply with all applicable legislation
- When possible purchase and use environmentally responsible (recyclable, refurbished, etc.) products from environmentally responsible suppliers (i.e. suppliers who emphasise the need for renewable energy supplies).
- Strive to better understand both the direct and indirect impact that our practices may have on the environment.
- Dispose of waste thoughtfully, and develop an attitude of "reducing, recycling and reusing."

Implementation

By following these 3 rules Child Care Services will implement and actively participate in environmentally responsible behaviours;

Reduce: CCSTD will firstly question whether a purchase is strictly necessary and if it is, whether the amounts required could be reduced.

Re-use: Secondly CCSTD will seek to buy re-used items in preference to new items where practical.

Recycle: If new items have to be purchased, CCSTD will seek whether there is a feasible option of buying products made locally, from recycled materials or a more energy efficient model.

Relevant Legislation and Standards

- NDIS Practice Standards
- NDIS Code of Conduct
- NSW Disability Service Standards (NSW DSS)

- NDIS Terms of Business
- National Waste Policy: less waste, more resources