



## Making Rights Real

Putting the rights of children into practice



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### How does your organisation uphold children's rights?

Use these questions to help stimulate child rights discussions with your team and organisation, so that you can celebrate where you are strong and identify areas for growth.

- Do your practitioners understand children's rights and what they mean in practice?
- Does your leadership create space to understand and take action on feedback from children?
- Are children better informed about their rights through participating in your service?
- Do children inform decisions on issues that impact them?
- How do you show children you are taking them seriously?
- What do you need to change in order to better support children to enjoy their rights through your service?

## Article 2, UNCRC – Children have the right to be treated fairly\*

- Are your services easily accessed by children? How is this tested?
- What inclusive approaches do you have in place to ensure children aren't discriminated against, intentionally or accidentally? Do children inform your approaches?
- Does your service have a child friendly way for children to share if they feel they've been treated unfairly? Is this used by children?



## Article 3, UNCRC – Children have the right for adults to act in their best interests\*

- What is most important to the children and young people you work alongside?
- What does 'acting in children's best interest' require of your practitioners, and leadership?
- How do you communicate the decisions you make with children?

## Article 6, UNCRC – Children have the right to life, and to supported development\*

- What practices do you have in place to help protect children from harm? Are these effective?
- How do you identify the supports children need to develop well?
- Do you consider children clients in their own right (and what does this mean for your service)?



## Article 12, UNCRC – Children have the right to share their views and have these taken seriously\*

- How does your service hear from children?
- Do children's views inform the decisions you make as a service?
- Are children informed about how their views will be shared and responses to their recommendations actioned?

\* Simplified wording

## 54 reasons – Australia's first and leading child rights organisation

We're here to make sure that everyone understands their rights, so that children and young people have their rights met in real and meaningful ways.

54 reasons is inspired by the curiosity and creativity of children and motivated by the love of those who care for them. With the child's voice at the centre, we provide quality services to children and their caregivers, advocating with them so that children develop, learn, and are connected, safe and empowered.

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