

Child Friendly Spaces Training

Child-Friendly Spaces is Save the Children’s emergency response programme that helps ensure children are safe and protected and can engage in fun and age appropriate activities during and after an emergency.

The Need

Immediately following a disaster, children’s usual routines are disrupted with schools and other educational/child care services unavailable. Additionally, evacuation centres can be cramped places, full of strangers, and can lack toys, activities and safe places to play for children.



Child-Friendly Spaces are a critical component in providing support to children and families in temporary locations following a disaster. They provide a safe place where children can play, socialise, and express themselves under the supervision of caring, trained and police-checked adults. The programme’s structured, supervised activities offer comfort to children who are used to daily routines and help strengthen their resilience. These spaces enable parents to have time to register for emergency assistance and to get some much-needed rest. They also provide a forum for sharing valuable child safety and official recovery information with families.



Training

Save the Children offers a one-day Child Friendly Spaces training programme that supports volunteers to meet the unique needs of children in disasters within a CFS. The training covers the purpose and objectives of CFS; psychosocial support to children and their family within a CFS; encouraging children to practise positive behaviour within a CFS; best practices on site selection, organisation and set-up of the space; and the monitoring and evaluation of CFS.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained as CFS Facilitators in the event of an emergency in New Zealand. Training is free, and in an emergency, all travel/accommodation costs would be paid for by SCNZ. There would be no obligation to take part if you were unable to do so at the time. If you are interested and are a parent, grandparent, social worker, psychologist, teacher, youth worker or an experienced baby sitter then please apply below and email back to Jessica.gray@scnz.org.nz or post to: Jessica Gray, Save the Children, P.O. Box 6584, Marion Square, Wellington 6141.

Name:	Phone:	Email:
Your experience of working/playing with children:		