

Child Friendly Spaces Training

Child-Friendly Spaces is Save the Children's emergency response programme that helps ensure children are safe and protected in evacuation centres where families congregate during disasters.

The Need

Immediately following a disaster, evacuation centres can be cramped places, full of strangers, and can lack toys, activities and safe places to play for children. Caregivers, who sometimes have to stand in long lines to apply for emergency assistance, often have no choice but to bring their children with them.



Image: Jim Holmes, Save the Children Australia

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 background-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 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 and 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. All facilitators will be police checked.

If you are interested and are a parent, grandparent, social worker, psychologist, teacher, youth worker or just someone willing and able to help, then please download this form and complete. Please return by email to Jessica.gray@scnz.org.nz.



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If you are interested in training to be a volunteer CFS facilitator for SCNZ, please complete the following:

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

I would like to take part in the 1 day training: **Dunedin 12 November 2016** **Wellington 18 November 2016**
 Wellington 19 November 2016

Spaces will be limited to 20 per event. Please tick if you are interested but cannot attend the dates/locations listed.