

# Safeguarding Statement

Gallup Children's Museum recognizes the value of children and their intrinsic rights to life, to be protected from abuse and exploitation and to have their privacy protected, among others. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) states that all children, without any exception, have equal rights to survival, health, education, participation and protection.

Gallup Children's Museum is thus committed to protecting and ensuring the safety and dignity of all children and securing their rights. To that end, Gallup Children's Museum ensures that all children, irrespective of age, ethnic group, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability or identity, are accorded the same protection and are entitled to equal access to all services offered.

Disadvantaged children, such as those from minority groups or with disabilities, face additional needs that are explicitly identified and incorporated in Gallup Children's Museum's program design to ensure additional measures are taken to support their accessibility to, and inclusion in, the respective programs.

Gallup Children's Museum staff, representatives, and volunteers commit to delivering its programs and outreach in a manner that is safe for all children it serves and to actively help protect all children with whom it comes into contact. If anyone associated with Gallup Children's Museum has concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, they are encouraged to report them immediately to Laura Ippel at 505-862-9381. Reports will be treated confidentially and with the utmost seriousness.

We believe that by working together with our community, we can create a nurturing and secure environment where children can explore, learn, and grow.

Gallup Children's Museum acknowledges and appreciates the public documents and other international NGOs from which it borrowed definitions and other content to inform the development of this statement.

