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# Małopolski University for Children Foundation Child Safeguarding Statement and Practices In line with the Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards

# 1. Child Safeguarding Policy

The Małopolski University for Children Foundation (MUdD) declares that the safety, well-being, and rights of children are a top priority in all educational, organizational, and outreach activities. Our mission is to create a safe environment in which children can freely develop their scientific and social interests.

The Foundation has no full-time employees – it is managed by a two-person board and collaborates with a Scientific Council, volunteers, and academic lecturers. All individuals working with children are informed about the safeguarding rules and are required to follow them.

#### 2. Procedures

The Foundation applies the following procedures in safeguarding children:

- Selection and verification of lecturers: All classes are delivered by experienced university lecturers invited by the Foundation's Scientific Council. Cooperation is based on long-term relationships and academic reputation.
- Selection and orientation of volunteers: Volunteers (aged 15–20) are selected based on recommendations from schools and personal commitment. Before beginning their duties, they attend an introductory meeting with the Foundation's board, during which responsibilities and safety rules are explained.
- Parental absence during classes: Children participate in sessions without their parents, which supports independence. During each event, children are supervised by the volunteer team and at least one board member.
- Reporting concerns: All individuals working with the Foundation are required to report
  any behavior or situation that may pose a risk to a child (or raise concern) directly to the
  Foundation's board. Reports can be oral or written and are documented and reviewed
  internally.

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### 3. Accountability and Monitoring

- Formal responsibility for the implementation of the safeguarding policy lies with the Foundation's board, which coordinates and supervises all matters related to child safety. In case of concern, the board will take appropriate action in line with national law and cooperate with relevant local institutions (e.g., schools, social services, or police).
- The Scientific Council oversees the quality of the educational program and the selection of lecturers, with attention to both academic and social competencies.
- Ongoing evaluation: The Foundation regularly monitors the satisfaction of both children and parents through ongoing communication, attendance records, and feedback submitted via email. Every concern is taken seriously and discussed internally.

### 4. Training and Communication

- Board members and volunteers are regularly informed about the safeguarding principles and the obligation to respond appropriately to potential risks.
- New volunteers receive basic training, including guidance on interacting with children, recognizing signs of concern, and the reporting procedure.
- Parents of registered students receive clear information about safety procedures (no adult attendance, use of chip-based ID badges, presence of volunteers).
- The Foundation plans to formalize its child safeguarding policy and develop written training materials accessible to all involved in its educational activities.

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## Responsible persons:

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