

Young people's perception of safety is related to their quality of life



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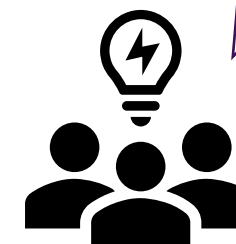
Background



409 recommendations
10 National Principles



**We need to
improve our
policies and
procedures**



**How can we measure and evaluate
the impact of our improvements?**



ICPS
Children's Safety
Survey



We have worked with schools and school systems, child welfare and out-of-home care organisations, religious groups and sports organisations and clubs

Method



1220 young people

10-18 years old

56% female

Wellbeing measure
Strengths & Difficulties
Questionnaire
(Wellbeing & difficulties)

Perceptions of Safety measures
Child-Informed Indicators of Organisational
Safety Climate

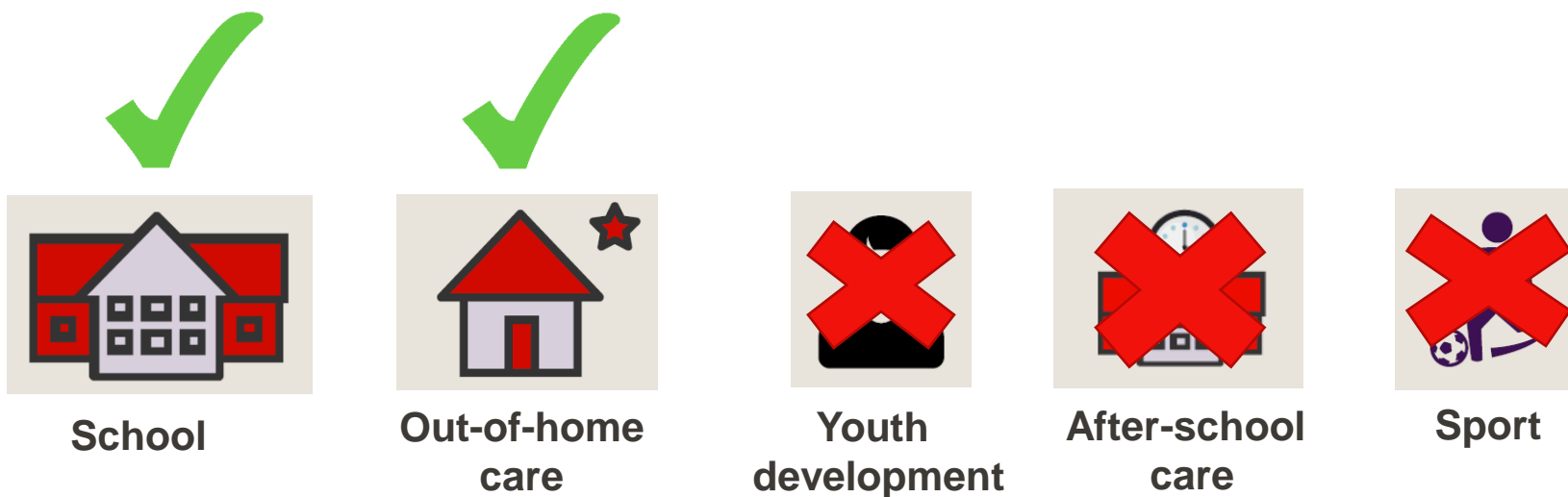
Confidence in adults (x2)
(1 x adult scenario, 1x peer scenario)
Barriers to Help Seeking (x2)
(1 x adult scenario, 1x peer scenario)



Watch one of the scenarios that the young participants respond to

Results

- All five aspects of safety were related to mental health and wellbeing
- However, when tested individually, that relationship was only significant in school and out-of-home care



Conclusions

- Youth serving organisations should continue to monitor implementation of the National Principles and work towards a culture of child safety
- Schools and OOHC organisations should consider how their safeguarding work relates to and affects their wellbeing work

For more information about the Children's Safety Survey and how it could help your organisation measure safeguarding go to <https://safeguardingchildren.acu.edu.au/measuring-safety>