

## **Child Safety Policy**

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The safety of the children within Meeting is a responsibility of every member of LOFM. The Meeting strives to provide a safe physical environment and adequate adult supervision for our children. To provide supervision needed, it takes broad participation from members of the community, many well known and some not so well known. We will take care to get to know the people who have responsibility for the children and to provide oversight to ensure a high standard of care. As part of the safeguards for both children and adult volunteers, all children through the elementary years will be cared for by at least 2 adults at all times. The total number of children in each group on any given day will be monitored, and additional volunteers will be recruited from the community when necessary to insure adequate supervision.

Friends of LOFM strive to provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment for the children in our midst. As a multi-generational community who treasures the special gifts each individual brings to our whole, we commit to actively protect the children in our care from physical, mental and emotional harm. We want all who come to Live Oak to experience the joy of participating in a safe and trusted environment .

Monitoring the quality of care of our children is a primary responsibility of the Children's Religious Education Committee. It is the responsibility of parents to keep communicating with the committee to make sure the child care system is functioning well and meeting Friends needs. The Care and Concern Committee and the Clerk of Meeting are available to ensure that any concerns are addressed in a timely and effective manner.