

Family Policy Symposium:

Child Wellbeing in Qatar

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Children's Wellbeing at QF

- Schools for a variety of learners
- Happy schools: foster care, safety & trust
- Inclusive schools
- Co-curricular activities and summer programs.
- QF farm
- Safeguarding policy

Pedagogy to develop the whole child through play, agency & action.



Children's Wellbeing at QF

- Community & Wellness initiatives
- Recreation centers
- Torba market
- Movie nights
- Qatar National Library
- Mathaf



Challenges of children's Wellbeing

- Quality education (what is it?)
- Adult's predispositions/ believing in the child as a capable citizen of the world
- Safety / Risk taking balance
- Responsibility as a local & global citizen
- Reflective learner with a growth mindset



Researching children's Wellbeing at QF

- A variety of data to better inform decisions
- Cultural awareness and partnership
- Reflection on current practices
- Connection with wider community



Recommendations for Children's Wellbeing

- Building capacity among all stakeholders (parents / educators / policy makers / community members / children)
- Building partnerships with other stakeholders
- Alignment with the national and international policies on wellbeing
- More agency and action taking



Children's Wellbeing at QF

A continuous journey to improve the quality of children's lives, through the intersection of physical, emotional, spiritual and cognitive health.



Through research and with the support of technology, we continue to support children's wellbeing to further reach

- **Sense of self:** identity, empathy & self-awareness
- **Purpose:** play a meaningful role and have agency
- **Belonging:** connectedness with the local and global community.



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