We aim to develop a comprehensive toolkit along with the guidance necessary to protect children in immersive digital environments. The research is led by XRSI’s Child Safety Initiative program and combines a mixed-methods research approach including interviews, surveys, literature reviews, working groups, and roundtables. The global team will engage with several key stakeholders to develop a robust set of guidelines and controls, and raise awareness about the opportunities, risks, and harms faced by children in the immersive environments, specifically the Metaverse.

Key stakeholders involved in creating and utilizing the Guardians & Shield Framework:

- Parents & Guardians
- Educators & Caregivers
- Children & Youth
- Advocacy & Law Enforcement
- Policymakers & Regulators
- Entertainment Industry Experts
- E-sports & Gaming Industry Stakeholders
- Civic Organizations
- Health Professionals
- Mental Health Professionals
- Academia
- Social Media Platforms
- Metaverse Professionals
- Technology Industry Experts