

## Youth Activities and Programs Policy Office of Institutional Equity Standards of Behavior for Employees/Volunteers

## Standards of Behavior for Employees and Volunteers Working in Youth Activities and Programs

This Standards of Behavior is an agreement accepted by employees/volunteers who work in a youth activity or program. The primary purpose of these standards is to promote the safety and wellbeing of all activity/program participants. Employees/volunteers are expected to function within these standards.

## I will:

- Accept supervision and support from professional staff while involved in the activity/program.
- Accept the responsibility to professionally represent the activity/program and The Ohio State University.
- Conduct myself in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship and be a positive role model for youth
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by the activity or program and the
  university.
- Refrain from engaging in any criminal conduct.
- Comply with all applicable civil rights laws and policies, including and not limited to Ohio State equal opportunity and nondiscrimination policies.
- Perform duties in a responsible and timely manner as outlined in the position description.
- Report any child abuse or neglect in accordance with university policy.
- Self-disclose felony or misdemeanor convictions that occur within three days of pleading guilty or being convicted.
  - If I have been background checked and have had a break of service for less than 12 months, I will
    disclose any convictions that occurred during the break within three business days of commencement of
    participation in youth activities and programs. If the break in service is longer than 12 months, I must be
    background checked again.
- Not intentionally or purposefully place myself in a situation where I am alone with a youth unless authorized by the dean/vice president (or designee). Approved one-on-one interactions may only take place in open, well-illuminated spaces or rooms observable by other adults from the activity or program. If the dean/vice president (or designee) determines that meeting in this manner is not practicable and approves other arrangements, an exemption request form must be submitted following the exemption process outlined in the policy.
- Not, under any circumstances, physically, sexually, verbally, or emotionally abuse or fail to provide the basic necessities of care applicable to the activity/program, such as food or shelter, to participants.
- Endeavor to provide a safe and healthy experience for all participants.
- Report red-flag behaviors to the activity or program administrator of the youth activity or program that I am
  working or volunteering in. If I am an activity or program administrator, I will review red flag behaviors and work
  with those working and volunteering in my activity or program to correct these behaviors.
- Read and uphold the Youth Privacy Principles located at go.osu.edu/youthprivacy

I have read and understand the standards of behavior outlined above. I understand and agree that any act or omission on my part that contradicts any portion of these standards may be grounds for immediate suspension and/or termination of my employee/volunteer status with The Ohio State University.

Employee/volunteer printed name	Date
Employee/volunteer signature	Date