

## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR ADULTS AT METRO NY YAC AND YOUTH FUNCTIONS**

Adults are in a position of stewardship at youth events and play a key role in fostering the healthy development of both individuals and the gathered community. It is, therefore, especially important that adults be qualified to provide the nurturing, care and support that will enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and responsibility. The relation between young people and adults must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of their relationship is to be realized. There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being.

Wisdom dictates that trust and relationships between youth and adults suffer great damage when power and influence is abused. Mindful of this, adults will use good judgment in their dealings with the youth in their care. They will refrain from using language and behavior that is verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually abusive.

Adults will be informed of this code of ethics and must agree to it before assuming their role. In cases of violation of this code, appropriate action will be taken.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the "Code of Ethics for Adults," and agree to follow the code.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_