

What you can expect from our youth workers

This agency supports the *Code of Ethics for Youth Workers in WA*. So our youth workers follow these principles:

1. Youth workers should always make the young people they work with their number one priority. If there is a conflict between two or more young people they are working with, they should try to support all the young people involved.

2. Lots of things impact on young peoples' lives - things like family, friends and community. Youth workers should support you in any of these areas, and help to bring about change when things are wrong or unfair.

4. Youth workers should assume that you can make decisions about your own life. They should help you to find information and develop the skills you need when making difficult decisions. Youth workers should encourage and support you to be independent and in control.

6. Youth workers should never take advantage of you. Youth workers are there to provide a service to you, not for the benefit of themselves or their agencies.

7. Youth workers should be open and honest, and shouldn't keep things from you that impact on your life.

3. Youth workers should treat all young people fairly and shouldn't discriminate against any young person based on race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, disability or anything else. But some youth worker's roles are specialised and mean that they might only work with certain young people or groups, or address particular needs.

5. Youth workers should be careful about your safety and the safety of others. They should respond when it's necessary to prevent harm.

8. Youth workers must keep what you say and information about you private. They should tell you up front about any rules they have about confidentiality, and any issues that might mean they have to break this confidentiality.

9. When it's helpful, your youth worker should work with other workers or services to make sure you get the best possible support.

10. Youth workers should keep their skills and knowledge up to date so that they can provide you with the best possible service.

11. Youth workers should be non judgemental and shouldn't let their own values and beliefs get in the way of supporting you.

12. Youth workers have a specific role in your life and they shouldn't go outside of this role. Their relationship with you should be friendly, but always professional.

13. Youth workers have to take care of themselves, so that they are able to support you.

14. Every youth worker should act in ways that bring respect and recognition to all youth workers.



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