# 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



## **Putting You First**

Youth workers always focus on what you need and want. If there are problems—whether between young people or with others—they try to find solutions that help and support you.





# Respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait **Islander People**

Youth workers acknowledge that they work on Aboriginal land. They respect the rights and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They learn about the impacts of colonisation, both past and present, and work towards reconciliation. As part of this, youth workers reflect on their own beliefs and actions.



### **Understanding Your Life**

Youth workers know that many things affect you—like family, friends, culture, and community. They support you in these areas and help make things fairer when needed.



#### Fighting for Fairness and Equality

Youth workers are non-judgemental. They believe in treating all young people equally, regardless of race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, disability, location, finances, or level of education. They understand everyone has different needs and work to support you. They can help bring change when needed by working with you and broader organisations and systems in your community.



# **Keeping You Safe**

Youth workers prioritise your safety and the safety of others. If they think you or someone else is at risk, they will take steps to protect everyone, including involving you in safety decisions.



# Supporting Your Choices

Youth workers are easy to approach and actively listen to you. Youth workers believe you know yourself best. They help you reach your goals and build your skills and confidence, without taking over your decisions.



## **Being Honest**

Youth workers are open with you, sharing important information and explaining what they can and can't do.



## **Respecting Your Privacy**

Youth workers keep your information private and will explain their privacy rules. If they need to share information to keep you or others safe, they will involve you in the decision.



#### **Working Together**

With your permission, youth workers work with other professionals to give you the best support.



#### **Staying Updated**

Youth workers continue to learn and improve their skills to support you better.



#### **Maintaining Professional Boundaries**

Youth workers have a specific role in your life and should always keep their relationship with you professional.



## **Caring for Themselves**

Youth workers take care of their health and wellbeing so they can support you effectively.



#### Acting with Integrity

Youth workers act honestly and do the right thing. They are consistent and fair in their actions and decisions. They ensure they respect themselves, their organisation, and the youth work profession.

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