



MOUNTAINLAND REGION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Statement of Acknowledgement for Volunteers Working with Minors

I will strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Statement of Acknowledgement as a condition of participating in the volunteer activity involving minors in the Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), which is hosted in partnership with Utah Valley University (UVU) and Mountainland Technical College (MTECH).

I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- Never be alone with a minor during activities.
- Ensure there are two or more adults present during activities/programs as possible or located within the general vicinity of the activities/program.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism or comparison when working with minors.
- Always maintain appropriate physical boundaries and touch minors only when necessary and in ways that are appropriate, public, and non-sexual.
- Comply with the mandatory reporting regulations found in Utah Valley University's Policy 704 Minors on Campus at MYAC-sponsored Events, including reporting any suspected child abuse.
- Understand that failure to report suspected child abuse to University Police or state authorities is against the Utah Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children (see Utah Division of Child and Family Services at <http://www.dcfhs.utah.gov/locations.htm>). If at any time I have a concern with how a minor is being treated, I will talk with the MYAC program coordinator or contact authorities as appropriate.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of minors.

I will not:

- Have one-on-one contact with minors or allow any inappropriate touching, including between minors.
- Have any direct electronic contact with minors without another adult being included in the communication.
- Engage in any social media contact with minors, including but not limited to Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.
- Engage in abusive conduct of any kind toward, or in the presence of, a minor.

- Strike, hit, administer corporal punishment to, or touch in an inappropriate or illegal manner any minor.
- Engage in rough or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Shower, bathe, or undress with or in the presence of minors.
- Swear or use other inappropriate language, use or respond to sexual innuendo, or make sexually suggestive comments.
- Use or provide alcohol or illegal drugs to any minor.
- Use or provide prescription drugs or any medication to any minor unless specifically authorized in writing by the parent or legal guardian.
- Pick up or drop off minors at their homes, other than the driver's child(ren), except as specifically authorized in writing by the minor's parent or legal guardian and in the company of another adult (see UVU Policy 704 for definition of an Authorized Adult).
- Make sexual material in any form, including printed and electronic, available to minors participating in programs or activities or assist a minor in any way in gaining access to such materials.

I understand that as a person working with and/or providing services to minors with the permission of the Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council, I am subject to a criminal history background check. My signature confirms that I have read this Statement of Acknowledgement and that as a person working with minors, I agree to follow these standards and other related policies of MYAC.

I understand that any action inconsistent with this Statement of Acknowledgement or failure to take action mandated by this Statement, UVU Policy 704, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including the ending of my volunteer service and removal from all MYAC activities and events.

Volunteer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Volunteer Contact Number: _____