

Code of Ethics
For All Volunteers Who Relate to Children and Youth
Section 6.6 UUFC Policies

Adults and older youth leaders play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of individuals and the community. It is, therefore, especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurturing care and support that will enable children and youth to develop in self and spirit. The relationship between young people and their leaders 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 healthy identity as a sexual being, and adults play a key role in assisting children and youth in these areas of growth.

Therefore, those who lead children and youth will:

- provide nurturing care and support to all children and youth.
- work to help children develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence.
- help children and youth develop a sense of responsibility.
- respect selfhood of each child and youth, including the absolute right to privacy of their own minds and body.
- will not engage in any behavior with children or youth which constitutes verbal, emotional or physical abuse.
- will not engage in behavior or language which is personally threatening or demeaning.
- will not engage in any sexually harassing behavior, nor any other sexual, seductive or erotic behavior with children or youth.
- will not encourage or promote any sort of illegal activities on the part of children or youth.

I have read the above Code of Ethics and understand that these guidelines govern expected behavior of adults working with children and youth at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis.

Date

Signature

Printed Name