

Code of Ethics

Developed by the UUA
For Persons Working with Children and Youth

Adults and older youth who are in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is, therefore, especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurture, care, and support that will enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential is to be realized.

There are no more important areas of growth than that of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. Leaders play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that all those involved suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with young persons in their care. Therefore, leaders will refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with children and youth in the community. Neither shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior with children or youth that constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.

By signing this, I am agreeing to conduct myself in accordance with this code. I understand that appropriate action will be taken if this code is violated.

Print Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____