

THE ADULTS OF Our Community PLEDGE TO:



RESPECT Children's and Youth's Right to Set Boundaries

We will respect children's/youths' rights to set physical and emotional boundaries. A child always has a right to say 'no' and that 'no' will be respected when it comes to their personal boundaries. [Learn more.](#)

MODEL Respectful Behavior

We will model respectful behavior by avoiding any overt or covert sexual behaviors with or around children/youth, including seductive speech, jokes and gestures and showing/sharing such media content. [Learn more.](#)

ENGAGE in Transparent Relationships

We will engage in relationships in person and online with children/youth that are transparent. We will not ask them to keep secrets from parents/caregivers or give secretive gifts. [Learn more.](#)

MAINTAIN Safe Environments

We will minimize one on one in-person/online situations between adults and children/youth and between peers where there is an imbalance of power. In situations where it can't be avoided, every effort will be made to make the situation observable or interruptible by other adults. [Learn more.](#)

SUPERVISE Actively

We will focus our attention and intentionally observe adult interactions with children/youth and the children/youth under our care at all times. If we see personal boundaries being crossed or other harmful behaviors we will intervene. [Learn more.](#)

BELIEVE Disclosures of Abuse

We will believe children/youth if they share that someone has harmed them. We acknowledge that this may be hard to hear, but we will actively listen and remain calm so that the child has space to share and not feel shame. [Learn more.](#)

REPORT Child Sexual Abuse and Assault

We will immediately and directly report child sexual abuse and assault when we suspect/observe or a child tells us that a person (another child or adult) has engaged in any sexual behavior (looking, showing or touching) with them. [Learn more.](#)



**MISSOURI CHILD ABUSE
AND NEGLECT HOTLINE
1-800-392-3738**

SUPPORT Survivors

We will support all people who have experienced sexual abuse, assault and exploitation. We acknowledge that there are 42 million adult survivors, including people in our community who have experienced sexual violence. We believe their experiences and support them. [Learn more.](#)



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