



Youth Advisory Council Agreement

(Check off each item as it is reviewed)

- **I am voluntarily joining the Youth Advisory Council** from The Shelter for Abused Women & Children (hereafter referred to as The Shelter).
- **When visiting The Shelter, I agree to follow the rules and directions of the staff.**
- **I agree not to provide The Shelter location to anyone. I will also keep the identity of Shelter clients confidential forever.** This is for my safety, and the safety of others.
- **I understand that verbal or physical abuse of anyone is not allowed at The Shelter or on the Youth Advisory Council.**
- **I agree not to bring any guns, knives, pepper spray, other weapons, alcohol, or street drugs into The Shelter (including onto The Shelter property).**
- **I understand that I am responsible for respecting each member’s opinion and being an active and respectful listener during council meetings, presentations and functions.**
- **I understand that I am an integral part of the Youth Advisory Council and that my opinions matter and that they are important to share with others.**
- **I commit to being a positive role model in the community and on behalf of The Shelter and its mission. I will do this through participation and setting positive examples for other youth.**
- **I understand that cell phones must be turned off during all Youth Advisory Council functions, unless an emergency presents itself at which time I will obtain permission from the staff advisors to have my cell phone accessible.**
- **I understand that I am expected to conduct myself in a professional and mature manner and refrain from using profanity and I will commit to being respectful and polite to others in the community and on the Youth Advisory Council.**
- **I know that I am responsible for obtaining my own transportation.** I agree that if The Shelter helps me get transportation (through bus, cab, volunteer, etc.) The Shelter will not in any way be responsible for any occurrence resulting from the use of that transportation. **I understand that if I have a vehicle, I am responsible for it; including all care, maintenance, damages, repair, theft and/or injury.** I release The Shelter from liability regardless of whether such, loss, damage, repair, theft or injury resulted by or through the acts or omissions of The Shelter residents, management, staff, board, agents or volunteers of The Shelter.
- **I understand that I am responsible for my personal possessions while at The Shelter. The Shelter will not be held responsible for theft, loss, damage or injury.** The Shelter will not secure my possessions under any circumstances.
- **I release The Shelter, its staff, board and volunteers from responsibility or liability for any loss of property, damage or injury sustained by myself while visiting The Shelter, whether such illness, loss, damage or injury occurs by or through the acts or omissions of The Shelter residents, management, staff, board, agents or volunteers of The Shelter.**
- **If I fail to comply with the Youth Advisory Council Agreement, I will first be addressed by the other council members, then by the staff facilitators and on my third infraction I may be asked to leave the Youth Advisory Council.**

I have read and/or understand all of the Youth Advisory Council Agreement.		
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Council Member Name (Print)	Council Member Signature	Date
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Registering Advocate	Date	

