

FOR YOUTH

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM OUR YOUTH WORKERS?

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PUT YOUR NEEDS FIRST:

- ➔ provide safe spaces
- ➔ build good relationships with you
- ➔ be honest and fair
- ➔ keep information confidential and talk with you if they need to share your information
- ➔ respect you
- ➔ be on your side
- ➔ have appropriate boundaries
- ➔ avoid inappropriate behaviour
- ➔ connect you to someone else who can support you if they can't

GET INFORMED ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU:

- ➔ explain your rights and provide a way for you to give feedback
- ➔ make sure you are safe during any programmes or activities

ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT:

- ➔ value and acknowledge you
- ➔ help you to identify your strengths and strategies to deal with challenges
- ➔ support your social, emotional, mental and physical skill development

SUPPORT YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES:

- ➔ build skills and knowledge to help you make good decisions
- ➔ achieve your goals
- ➔ help you decide how to meet your challenges

HELP YOU CONNECT TO YOUR WHĀNAU, FAMILY, PEERS, SCHOOL, WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY:

- ➔ help you build stronger connections
- ➔ never undermine positive relationships
- ➔ acknowledge the importance you place on whānau, marae, hapū and iwi

ARE THE BEST YOUTH WORKER THEY CAN BE:

- ➔ be self-aware
- ➔ participate in regular supervision and training
- ➔ uphold the Treaty of Waitangi
- ➔ have an in-depth knowledge of the *Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand* and how it applies to them

GOT AN ISSUE?

- ✪ talk to the youth worker about your concerns
- ✪ talk to someone you feel supported by about your concerns
- ✪ talk to the organisation about the complaints process they have in place and how you might use it
- ✪ for more support around the issue you may also wish to contact: **Youthlaw 0800 88 45 29** **Youthline 0800 37 66 33**, or **Ara Taiohi**

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YOUNG PEOPLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

to help young people to understand what they can expect from a Youth Worker using the Code of Ethics

For a full version of the "Code of Ethics For Youth Work in Aotearoa" contact Ara Taiohi at admin@arataiohi.org.nz