



Pre-requisite Completion Confirmation

*****This form must be initialed and signed by EVERY person volunteering in our program and submitted to info@TheChampionProject.org prior to volunteering*****

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with The Champion Project . The youth you will be working with are in foster care, which means the state is their parent and responsible for protecting them. We take the safety of the youth we serve, your safety and the safety of our program very seriously.

You may not volunteer with our program unless you have watched our training video and filled out the required background check.

By initially below you are confirming your completion of both of these items and your understanding of the rules of our program.

 I confirm I have watched the entire Champion Project training video.

****Please initial next to each rule. This will serve as your agreement to follow the below rules while volunteering with The Champion Project. ****

1. **I will not take any photographs.** It is extremely important that there are no photographs of any of the youth in CPS. We will have someone there who is approved to take photos approve. Approved photo's will be posted on our social media accounts @thechampionproject
2. **Never let a youth have possession of your cell phone-**Please keep your phone and any other valuables at home or in your car. If you need to bring your cell phone with you please make sure it's on silent and don't let the youth use it for any reason (including taking photographs). Please keep your cell phones on your and put away whenever possible.
3. **I will never be alone with a youth.** If they need to go to the bathroom, you need to ask one of their staff members to take them. If you aren't sure who is staff, just ask the leader that will be wearing a Champion Project shirt.
4. **Touch-**initiated by youth, only side hugs. Be generous with high fives and fist bumps.
5. **No social media.** You may not exchange any social media information or any of your contact information with the youth.

6. **Setting expectations** – Don't make promises. These youth have had a lot of people promise things and then not deliver in their short lives; we don't want to be another broken promise. Please just say, "You hope to see them again".
7. **Confidentiality** -Please don't ask the youth questions about their family, where they live etc. You can ask them about school, activities they like etc. but please just be aware many of these kids move from home to home about every 6 months so it is tough for them to answer question that might be easy for your kids. If they happen to tell you anything about their life, please respect their trust they put in you. **IF they tell you something about being currently abused or harmed in any way you must immediately tell the leader present and we will report it per our protocol.**
8. **Bathrooms**-Unfortunately bathrooms will not be available for volunteers at the home. If you need to go, you will need to excuse yourself and drive to a gas station nearby.
9. **Disciplinary Action**-Staff members will be in attendance for the duration of your time and will be available if any issues arise. Please do not discipline the youth you are working with but feel free to talk to the staff members or leaders if you have any issues.
10. **Have fun!!!** These kids are so excited to have you there!

Volunteer Name (printed)

Date

Volunteer signature

Organization or Company

Thank you for volunteering!

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