



Odyssey Youth Center Rules & Expectations

Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 are welcome at Odyssey Youth Center and have the right to feel safe and welcome. To help keep the atmosphere at Odyssey comfortable for all the youth who come here, the following rules have been created:

1. Confidentiality of all members must be respected: Do not “out” individuals as OYC members in the wider community; what is said here, stays here.
2. Respect yourself, your body, and others. Degrading racial, ethnic, sexist or homophobic remarks are not welcomed here.
3. Violence of any kind is unacceptable. Loud arguments, threats, harassment, and physical aggression are not allowed.
4. Act respectfully towards OYC facility and the property around you. Destruction, defacement, or theft of any property associated with OYC-- including the personal property of people at OYC -- is not tolerated.
5. Gossiping or talking disrespectfully about someone who is not present is not allowed. Remember to speak for yourself -- not for others.
6. Behaviors associated with the possession or use of drugs and alcohol are not allowed.
7. Weapons and firearms are not allowed.
8. Noise must remain at a level that is comfortable for everyone.
9. Sexual discussions and displays of affection must be appropriate.
10. Clean up after yourself and contribute to the general maintenance of the space.
11. Smoking at Odyssey Youth Center is only allowed outside in the designated smoking area.
13. Pets are not allowed at OYC (with the exception of service animals).
14. The authority of facilitators and staff must be respected.
15. No explicitly pornographic material or chat rooms can be viewed on any computers at OYC.
16. Facilitators answer the OYC phone, youth can use the phone for 3-5 minute local calls.

These rules and all other Odyssey Youth Center policies apply to all OYC activities, whether they occur at the center or off-site. Not following these rules may result in temporary or permanent suspension from Odyssey Youth Center.

I have read these policies and agree to adhere to them.

Print Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Signature _____

Today's Date _____

Odyssey Youth Center works with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their allies to provide a safe place, education and advocacy to promote positive growth and self-empowerment.