



Empowering Youth, Strengthening Communities, Creating Change

Friday Night Live Youth Development Standards of Practice

Youth in FNL programs will experience the following:

- **A Safe Environment**

- Physical safety – to feel safe physically, free from the risk of harm.
- Emotional Safety – to feel safe emotionally, to feel like they can be who they are.

- **Opportunities for Community Engagement**

- Knowledge of Community – to learn about their community and its resources.
- Interaction/Interface with the Community – to interact and work with community members.
- Communication with the Community – to communicate about the program or youth issues.
- Contribution to the Community – to give back and serve the community.

- **Opportunities for Leadership and Advocacy**

- Decision-Making and Governance – to participate in decision-making and occupy leadership roles, such as staff or board roles.
- Youth Voice – to learn to express their opinions constructively and to hear those of others.
- Action – to take action on issues or projects they care about outside of the program – in the community, at school.

- **Opportunities to Build Caring and Meaningful Relationships with Peers and Adults**

- Peer Knowledge – to learn about their peers and build relationships with them.
- Adult Knowledge/Guidance – to learn about the adult staff and build relationships with them.
- Emotional Support – to feel supported emotionally by others in the program.
- Practical Support – to feel like their practical needs are met by adult staff.
- Sense of Belonging – to feel like they belong, like they matter to the group and its success.

- **Opportunities to Engage in Interesting and Relevant Skill Building Activities**

- Specific Skills – to develop and build specific skills through program activities.
- Challenging and Interesting Activities – to engage in interesting and challenging activities.