KIMBALL CAMP YMCA



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CHILD PROTECTION LAW

The Child Protection Law, Act No. 238, Public Acts of 1975, as amended, being 722.621 et seq. of the Michigan Complied Laws, and known as the Child Protection Law will serve as the guideline for ensuring the health and welfare of campers.

Definitions In Accordance with Michigan State Law

"Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

"Child abuse" means harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare which occurs through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, or maltreatment.

"Child neglect" means harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare which occurs through negligent treatment, including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, or medical care.

"Department" means the State Department of Social Services.

General Guidelines

- 1. Upon arrival of camper, the Health Officer shall screen all campers as to their physical condition. Note any bruises, cuts, or markings on the child's body.
- Camper's records and applications shall be confidential. Only authorized persons shall have access to the camp or camper files. Kimball Camp YMCA recognizes our responsibility to cooperate with law enforcement and child protective services.
- 3. The counselor shall also watch for any signs of child abuse or neglect. Concerning behaviors of suicidal thoughts, aggression, cutting and running away are signs of serious problems and must be reported to the Executive Director immediately.
- 4. If child abuse is suspected, follow the chain of command in reporting. If camper confides to you of having been abused or neglected, ONLY relate this information to the Executive Director. Do NOT tell any camper or other staff member.
- 5. If camp staff suspect abuse and neglect at the camp by camp personnel or other campers, immediately report the concern to the Executive Director.
- 6. If suspected abuse occurred at camp, the camp must separate the alleged perpetrator from campers until the incident is fully investigated, until the threat is removed, and as long as necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the campers.

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Action To Be Taken To Report Child Abuse Or Neglect

4. Reporting is handled through Centralized Intake.

Signature

The Child Protection Law requires mandated reporters who have reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect to make an immediate oral report to MDHHS – Centralized Intake, followed by a written report within 72 hours.

- 1. The Executive Director shall make an oral report immediately by calling Centralized Intake.
- 2. Within 72-hours a written report shall be made by the Executive Director to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect. The written form is called Report of Actual or Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect (DHS-3200).
- 3. If a camper appears to be injured, medical treatment will be given by the nearest medical facility.
- acknowledge I have read Kimball Camp YMCA's Child Abuse
 Policy and agree to abide by the regulations discussed.

Date

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