

## ATTACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_ CODE OF CONDUCT

**\*\*Each Contractor/Grantee** employee or volunteer and each **Sub-Contractor/Grantee** employee or volunteer who has interaction with clients must sign this Code of Conduct (Code) at the beginning of the grant or upon hire. A signed copy of this Code must be in employee's/volunteer's file subject to inspection and review by Department.\*\*

The purpose of this Code is to protect vulnerable clients from abuse, neglect, maltreatment and exploitation. The Code clarifies the expectation of conduct for providers of contracted, licensed and certified programs and their employees, which includes administrative staff, non direct care staff, direct care staff, support services staff and any others when interacting with clients.

Persons protected by this Code include any person under the age of 18 years and any person 18 years of age or older who is impaired because of: mental illness; mental deficiency; physical illness or disability; use of drugs; intoxication; or other cause, to the extent that they are unable to care for his own personal safety, health or medical care, and is a participant in, or a recipient of a program or service contracted with, or licensed or certified by the Department of Workforce Services.

All references to "Contractor" herein shall include the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, representative or those authorized by the Contractor to perform services under this Agreement.

The Contractor agrees that it shall adhere to this Code when providing services and shall require all others authorized through or engaged by the Contractor to perform services to follow the same Code.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that failure to comply with this Code may result in corrective action, probation, suspension, or termination of contract, license or certification.

Nothing in this Code shall be interpreted to mean that clients should not be held accountable for misbehavior or inappropriate behavior on their part, or that providers are restricted from instituting suitable consequences for such behavior.

Contractor and its authorized agents shall not abuse, sexually abuse or sexually exploit, neglect, exploit or maltreat or cause physical injury to any client. All injury to clients (explained or unexplained) shall be documented in writing and immediately reported to supervisory personnel.

Contractor shall not, by acting; failing to act; encouragement to engage in; or failure to deter from; cause any client to be subject to abuse, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, neglect, exploitation, or maltreatment. Contractor shall not engage any client as an observer or participant in sexual acts. Contractor shall not make clearly improper use of a client or their resources for profit or advantage.

Abuse includes, but is not limited to:

1. Harm or threatened harm, meaning damage or threatened damage to the physical or emotional health and welfare of a person.
2. Unlawful confinement.
3. Deprivation of life-sustaining treatment.

4. Physical injury including, but not limited to, any contusion of the skin, laceration, malnutrition, burn, bone fracture, subdural hematoma, injury to any internal organ, any injury causing bleeding, or any physical condition which imperils a person's health or welfare.
5. Any type of physical hitting or corporal punishment inflicted in any manner upon the body.

Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation includes, but is not limited to:

1. Engaging in sexual intercourse with any client.
2. Touching the anus or any part of the genitals or otherwise taking indecent liberties with a client, or causing an individual to take indecent liberties with a client, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.
3. Employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing a client to pose in the nude.
4. Employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing or coercing a client to engage in any sexual or simulated sexual conduct for the purpose of photographing, filming, recording, or displaying in any way the sexual or simulated sexual conduct. This includes displaying, distributing, possessing for the purpose of distribution, or selling material depicting nudity, or engaging in sexual or simulated sexual conduct with a client.
5. Committing or attempting to commit acts of sodomy or molestation with a client.
6. This definition is not to include therapeutic processes used in the treatment of sexual deviancy or dysfunction which have been outlined in the client's treatment plan and is in accordance with written agency policy.

Neglect includes but is not limited to:

1. Denial of sufficient nutrition.
2. Denial of sufficient sleep.
3. Denial of sufficient clothing, or bedding.
4. Failure to provide adequate supervision, including impairment of employee resulting in inadequate supervision. Impairment of an employee includes but is not limited to use of alcohol and drugs, illness, or sleeping.
5. Failure to arrange for medical care or medical treatment as prescribed or instructed by a physician when not contraindicated by agency after consultation with agency physician.
6. Denial of sufficient shelter, except in accordance with the written agency policy.

Exploitation includes, but is not limited to:

1. Utilizing the labor of a client without giving just or equivalent return except as part of a written agency policy which is in accordance with reasonable therapeutic interventions and goals.
2. Using property belonging to clients.
3. Acceptance of gifts as a condition of receipt of program services.

Maltreatment include, but is not limited to:

1. Physical exercises, such as running laps or performing pushups, except in accordance with an individual's service plan and written agency policy.
2. Chemical, mechanical or physical restraints except when authorized by individual's service plan and administered by appropriate personnel or when threat of injury to the client or other person exists.
3. Assignment of unduly physically strenuous or harsh work.

4. Requiring or forcing the individual to take an uncomfortable position, such as squatting or bending, or requiring or forcing the individual to repeat physical movements when used solely as a means of punishment.
5. Group punishments for misbehavior of individuals except in accordance with the written agency policy.
6. Verbal abuse by agency personnel. Engaging in language whose intent or result is demeaning to the client except in accordance with written agency policy which is in accordance with reasonable therapeutic interventions and goals.
7. Denial of any essential program service solely for disciplinary purposes except in accordance with written agency policy.
8. Denial of visiting or communication privileges with family or significant others solely for disciplinary purposes except in accordance with written agency policy.
9. Requiring the individual to remain silent for long periods of time solely for the purpose of punishment.
10. Extensive withholding of emotional response or stimulation.
11. Exclusion of a client from entry to the residence except in accordance with the written agency policy.

Contractor shall document and report to DWS abuse, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, neglect, maltreatment and exploitation as outlined in this Code and cooperate fully in any resulting investigation. Reports may be made by contacting the local Regional Office within 24 hours on the first available work day. All injury to clients (explained or unexplained) shall be documented in writing and immediately reported to the Department of Workforce Services.

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Employee/Volunteer Signature

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Date

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Print Employee/Volunteer Name

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## NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Each **Contractor/Grantee** employee or volunteer and each **Sub-Contractor/Grantee** employee or volunteer who has access to Customer personal information must sign this Non-Disclosure Agreement at the beginning of the grant or upon hire. A signed copy of this Agreement must be in each employee's/volunteer's file subject to inspection and review by the Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

The **Contractor/Grantee** and its employees and volunteers will comply with the following measures to protect the privacy of the information released under this agreement against unauthorized access or disclosure.

1. The information shall be used only to the extent necessary to assist in the purposes identified within this Agreement and shall not be re-disclosed for any purposes not specifically authorized in this contract.
2. The information shall be stored in a place physically secure from access by unauthorized persons.
3. Information in electronic format shall be stored and processed in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve the information by computer, remote terminal or any other means.
4. Precautions shall be taken to ensure that only authorized personnel are given access to on-line files.
5. The Contractor/Grantee has provided me instruction regarding the private nature of the information and I understand I am subject to State and Federal law penalties for unauthorized disclosure of information.

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Signature

Date

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Print Name

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### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT FOR GRANTEES & CONTRACTORS PROVIDING SERVICES TO DWS CUSTOMERS, MINORS, OR VULNERABLE ADULTS

- A. This policy does not apply to Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Grantees or Sub-Grantees (collectively referred to herein as "Contractor") who are required by law or by another governmental entity to obtain background checks (e.g. Child Care Licensing, State Universities) for employees or volunteers. In such cases, Contractor shall provide DWS with the following:
1. The background check policy, which must include:
    - a) type of required background check,
    - b) who is required to be checked,
    - c) frequency, and
    - d) criteria used to determine pass or fail background check.
  2. Proof of compliance with such law(s), regulation(s) or requirements.
  3. Immediate notification if an employee's or volunteer's record shows criminal history.
- B. Contractor must obtain an **annual** background check for one or both of the following:
1. Any employee or volunteer who has access to DWS customer confidential information must obtain a **Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI)** check.
  2. Any employee or volunteer who provides direct services to or, as a part of his or her duties for Contractor, has direct access to a minor or vulnerable adult must obtain a **fingerprint-based national criminal history record check from the FBI**.
    - a) For a Contractor using Next Generation FBI fingerprint check or rap-back, a background check is only required once for an employee or volunteer, for as long as Contractor is receiving notification.
- C. Contractor must obtain background checks according to Contractor's qualifications per Utah statute.
1. Contractor must be or become certified as a Qualified Entity by the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification if the Contractor meets the requirements to request Utah criminal history information under Title 53, Public Safety Code, Chapter 10, Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Act, and the National Child Protection Act (Public Law 105-251, 42 USC 5119a) (working with children or vulnerable adults or fiduciary funds, national security, or under other statutory authority).
  2. If Contractor does not meet the statutory requirements referenced in section C. 1., then Contractor shall require an employee or volunteer covered by Paragraph B. to contact the BCI and follow the BCI procedures to obtain his or her own Utah and national fingerprint-based national criminal history record checks.
    - a) BCI information can be found at <https://bci.utah.gov/criminal-records/criminal-records-forms/>.
    - b) FBI information can be found at [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) under the services section.

- D. Contractor must immediately notify DWS if an employee's or volunteer's record shows criminal history.
- E. DWS may restrict or prohibit an individual from accessing confidential information, providing direct customer service, or having direct access to a minor or vulnerable adult until a valid criminal background check is completed, or in the event the background check indicates:
  - 1. Convictions or a plea in abeyance involving such offenses as theft, illegal drug use or trafficking, fraud, sexual offenses, lewdness, domestic violence, assault, battery, identity theft, any felony, any class A misdemeanor, or any other conduct or action that may, in the judgment of DWS, create a risk of harm to a DWS customer, minor, or vulnerable adult or suggests the individual is at risk for compromising confidential information.
- F. It is Contractor's responsibility to prevent an individual from accessing confidential information, providing direct services, or having direct access to minors or vulnerable adults by an employee or volunteer that DWS has determined should not have access under Paragraph E, or to an individual whose criminal history record shows a conviction for any of the following offenses, unless expressly authorized by DWS:
  - 1. Any matters involving a sexual offense.
  - 2. Any matters involving a felony or class "A" misdemeanor drug offense.
  - 3. Any matters involving a "crime against the person" under Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person.
  - 4. Any matters involving a financial crime, including but not limited to identity theft, fraud, larceny, theft, and embezzlement.
- G. For each individual subject to this policy, Contractor shall keep the annual and verifiable background check on file. Verification that a background check has been performed must be made available to DWS upon request.
- H. Contractor shall be responsible for all fees associated with the background check unless otherwise assigned to the employee or volunteer by Contractor, or otherwise provided for by DWS herein.
- I. DWS may terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor fails to complete and maintain a record of background checks for employees or volunteers in a manner consistent with this policy.
- J. A guest is not required to complete a background check. Contractor shall not provide guests access to confidential information.
- K. Definitions
  - 1. "Confidential information" includes but is not limited to: personal identifying information, medical records, clinical records, counseling records, financial records, and case information.
  - 2. "Direct service" means providing services to minor or vulnerable adult when the services are rendered in the physical presence of the minor or vulnerable adult. Services include, but are not limited to: providing individual services such as counseling, mentoring, job coaching, training, job search activities, testing or providing mental health and medical services to DWS customers. See Title 62A, Utah Human Services Code, Chapter 5, Services for People with Disabilities.
  - 3. "Direct access" means an employee or volunteer has, or likely will have, contact with or access to a minor or vulnerable adult that provides the individual with an opportunity for personal communication or touch. See Title 62A, Utah Human Services Code, Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities.
  - 4. "DWS Customer" is a person served with funding provided by DWS.

5. "Guest" is a person who is in the program temporarily and will not be allowed unsupervised, direct access to a vulnerable adult or minor.
6. "Minor" means any person under the age of 18.
7. "Vulnerable adult" means an elder adult, or an adult 18 years of age or older who has a mental or physical impairment including mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs, chronic intoxication, short-term memory loss, or other cause which substantially affects that person's ability to:
  - a) provide personal protection;
  - b) provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or medical or other health care;
  - c) obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;
  - d) carry out the activities of daily living;
  - e) manage the adult's own resources; or
  - f) comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. See Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person.