

Volunteer Code of Ethics

As a volunteer

I believe that I am subject to a code of ethics similar to that of professional workers. I shall accept my assigned responsibilities, and expect to account for what I do in terms of what I am expected to do.

I promise to be regular in attendance. Should I sometimes be unable to report for my assignment I shall notify the volunteer services coordinator or the assigned case worker.

I shall keep confidential matters confidential.

I realize that I supplement, but do not supplement paid workers. Therefore, I interpret "volunteer" to mean that I have agreed to work without compensation in money, but having been accepted as a worker, I expect to do my work according to standard as the paid staff expect to do their work, and will treat my work as seriously as if I were paid for it.

I promise to take my work an attitude of open-mindedness, to be willing to be trained for my assignment, to bring to it my interests, and to accept supervision. I may have assets that my co-workers do not have...these I shall use to enrich the project on which we are working together. I also realize that I may learn from my co-workers, who may have talents which I do not possess.

I will serve the individuals and families in the community without discrimination of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

I am willing to allow for extra time for conferences with other volunteers and agency staff supervisors, and also for keeping simple records, if necessary.

I believe that my attitude toward volunteer work should be professional, and therefore know that I have an obligation to my work, to those who direct it, to my colleagues, to those for whom it is done, and to the public.