

## **The Care and Safety of Other People's Children**

Responsibility of all volunteers attending Camp MYDA and other MYDA events, you are:

- Entrusted by parents to take care of campers
- Healthy motivation for best interest of camper
- Interest in camp, acceptance of the camp mission and goals
- Loyalty to both campers and directors of camp
- Help create a culture of safety

Signs of Physical Abuse – bruises, welts, bites, choke marks, burns, cuts, fractures, black eyes and unexplained injuries.

- Physical Abuse (defined) – corporal punishment, spanking, hitting, pushing, shaking, tossing, throwing, hazing, bullying.

Signs of Sexual Abuse – difficulty walking or sitting, pain in the genital area, bruises or bleeding from the penis, vagina or anal area.

- Sexual Abuse (defined) – voyeurism and exhibitionism, pornography, kissing and touching intimate parts of the body or having children inappropriately touch adults, photographing naked children.

Signs of Emotional Abuse – verbal assaults, ridicule, harassment, abandonment, deprivation of love and care, psychological bullying.

Signs of Neglect and Maltreatment – failure to thrive, filth and infestation, medical depravation, environmental depravation, exposure, closeting, lack of supervision.

Suspected or observed child abuse of any kind must be reported to a camp director. An individual is not to do their own investigations of alleged abuse. The camp or medical director, or designee, will orchestrate the investigation and report the finding to the individual that brought it to their attention.

Failure to report child abuse is immediate grounds for dismissal.