

## CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for volunteering at YouMeWe NPO today. As we are a group focusing on youth living in group homes, it is important to express and read the following:

The 30,000 children living in Japanese families do so for a variety of reasons. Some are abuse, financial constraints, parental imprisonment or other situations.

## For this:

- We never ask children any questions about their families.
- Even if they ask, we do not give them contact information.
- We will never ask for their surnames
- Some parents do not know where their children live, so we should not take pictures of their faces.
- We do not offer something to the home's superiors or children without confirmation (gifts, food, promises of another visit, or lessons of any kind)
- We must be aware of our clothes and have a professional attitude. We need to also be aware of physical contact. The house demands that the small children not be excessively hugged.



- In the safe zone, each family shakes their hands and touches their shoulders. Do not touch the face or other areas.
- It is important that volunteers visiting the home stay healthy to avoid the spread of diseases and pathogens to the children. If you can not volunteer because of illness, please notify us directly or the home if visiting regularly.
- Even if one of the children asks you to pick them up or hug a lot, please do not. Instead, only hand holding is allowed. This is because the child may be suffering from attachment problems.
- Should you witness or hear about any abuse in the home or from a child, please use the attached document to report this immediately.

Link to report: **HERE** 

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions about the above or anything else, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you

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