

## Safeguarding Statement – Young People

Relationships Australia Tasmania believes young people who come to our programs should:

- Feel comfortable.
- Be cared for.
- Feel safe and be safe.
- Be yourself regardless of background, gender, cultural identity
- Have a right to contact your parents or others if you feel unsafe, uncomfortable, or distressed at any time during our program.
- Have a right to access programs that we provide for you, suitable for your age and development, and taken by qualified staff.
- Be supported, to help you make good choices.
- Be provided with clear directions.
- Have behaviour redirected in a positive manner if staff believe that you have broken program rules and/or are disrupting others.
- NOT be subject to disciplinary action involving physical punishment, or any form of treatment that is degrading, cruel, frightening or humiliating.
- Contribute to and make suggestions and feedback on an activity, event, or program in which you have participated.
- Always be listened to and believe that what you feel is real.
- Feel they have access to a safe place, safe space, and that we are here to help you.

