

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Youth actively involved in Friday Night Live (FNL) will experience the following:

1. A Safe Environment

- Physical Safety: Feel safe physically, free from the risk of harm
- Emotional Safety: Feel safe emotionally, feel like they can be who they are

2. Opportunities for Community Engagement

- Knowledge of Community: Learn about their community and its resources
- Interaction/Interface with the Community: Interact and work with community members
- Communication with the Community: Communicate about the program or youth issues
- Contribution to the Community: Give back and serve their community

3. Opportunities for Leadership and Advocacy

- Decision-making and Governance: Participate in decision-making and occupy leadership roles, such as officer or board roles
- Youth Voice: Learn to express their opinions constructively and to hear those of others
- Action: Take action on issues or projects they care about outside of the program – in the community and at school

4. Opportunities to Build Caring and Meaningful Relationships with Peers and Adults

- Peer Knowledge: Learn about their peers and build relationships with them
- Adult Knowledge/Guidance: Learn about the adult staff and build relationships with them
- Emotional Support: Feel supported emotionally by others in the program
- Practical Support: Feel like their practical needs are met by adult staff
- Sense of Belonging: Feel like they belong, like they matter to the group and its success

5. Opportunities to Engage in Interesting and Relevant Skill Development Activities

- Specific Skills: Develop and build specific skills through program activities
- Challenging and Interesting Activities: Engage in interesting and challenging activities

