

Working with Minors

Overview

For the protection of the minors served and Yale affiliates, Dwight Hall at Yale requires all programs, including Member Group programming, to follow the guidelines set out by the [Yale Committee on Programs for Children and Youth](#) (YPCY).

Registering your Group

The [Program Registration Form](#) is necessary for any “Yale faculty member, staff member, student, or volunteer, and, in your Yale role, you have primary responsibility for organizing a program that will include persons (other than Yale College students) under the age of 18.” A few points of note:

- This form must be submitted 60 days before the program begins
- Continuing programs must re-register annually
- You will receive notification/permission via email if your program has been approved or denied
- Completing this registration will help determine if/how many background checks are needed

Prior to registering your group, you must review and accept the [Health and Safety Guidelines](#).

Training

All organizers and program staff members, including volunteers, must complete:

- Yale’s training on [Health and Safety of Children and Youth](#)
 - Connecticut Department of Children and Families’ training on [Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
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Forms

To be completed by program members:

- [Dwight Hall Code of Conduct for Youth Serving Programs](#) – for all students serving youth
- [NHPS School Volunteer Registration](#) – to be completed by all students serving youth in a NHPS school
- [Background Check Request Form](#) – to be completed by students serving youth on Yale’s campus in programs that require background checks.

To be completed by guardians of minors:

- Release from Liability Template: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
 - Permission to Use Images and Recordings: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
 - [Program Participant Medical Form](#)
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Resources

[Responding to and Reporting Injury or Illness](#)
[FAQs about Background Checks](#)