

Title: Appropriate Attire for Youth
Issued By: Rights of Passage
Applies To: Program Services

I. POLICY

Youth at the Rights of Passage (ROP) are required to wear appropriate attire.

II. PURPOSE

To maintain an environment that is safe and respectful of everyone, both youth and staff.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Staff must set an example with regard to wearing appropriate attire at all times in ROP.
- B. When in the common space, youth must wear an appropriate attire and footwear.
- C. Avoid inappropriate or offensive clothing (such as those that are skimpy or display racist, sexist, or homophobic language and/or images)
- D. If youth come into common space wearing inappropriate or offensive attire, any Youth Worker on shift may –
 - 1. Speak with the youth about their choice of clothing;
 - 2. Ask the youth to leave the common space, change cloths, then return to the common space if they want;
 - 3. If youth refuse to do as requested or if this is an ongoing issue, consider the imposition of the following measures –
 - a. Suspend the youth's use of the common room; and/or
 - b. Establish a Special Covenant
- E. If youth consider the attire of another youth to be inappropriate or offensive, they may discuss their concern with any Youth Worker, and the latter will determine the appropriate steps to be taken.