Statement of Acknowledgement (Appendix A)
For Individuals Working with Minors at Dixie State University

I will commit to strictly following the rules and guidelines in this Statement of Acknowledgement as a condition of my providing services to the minors (children and youth) and vulnerable adults participating in Dixie State University (“University”) programs.

I will:
Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.

Never be alone with minors at university activities without another “authorized adult” (as defined in policy 6.3.1.1 #150, Minors and Vulnerable Adults on Campus) present.

Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism or comparison when working with children and/or youth.

Maintain appropriate physical boundaries at all times and touch children only when necessary and in ways that are appropriate, public, and non-sexual.

Comply with the mandatory reporting regulations found in Dixie State University’s policy #150 Minors and Vulnerable Adults on Campus, including reporting any suspected abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to University Police or state authorities is against the Utah Mandatory Reporting Requirements Regarding Children (see Utah Division of Child and Family Services).

Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult.

I will not:
Have one-on-one contact with minors or vulnerable adults.

Allow any inappropriate touching, including between minors or vulnerable adults.

Have any direct electronic contact with minors without another authorized adult being included in the communication except as noted in policy #150 Minors and Vulnerable Adults on Campus, section 6.3.1, 1), 2).

Engage in abusive conduct of any kind toward, or in the presence of, a minor or vulnerable adult.

Strike, hit, administer corporal punishment to, or touch in an inappropriate or illegal manner any minor or vulnerable adult.
Pick up or drop off minors at their homes, other than the driver’s child(ren), except as specifically authorized in writing by the minor’s parent or legal guardian and in the company of another authorized adult (defined in the University Policy #150, Minors and Vulnerable Adults on Campus).

Engage in abusive conduct or sexually provocative games, including hazing or any activity involving harassment, abuse or humiliation.

Swear or use other inappropriate language, use or respond to sexual innuendo, or make sexually suggestive comments.

Use or provide alcohol or illegal drugs to any minor or vulnerable adult.

Use or provide prescription drugs or any medication to any minor or vulnerable adult unless specifically authorized in writing by the parent or legal guardian.

Make sexual material in any form, including printed and electronic, available to minors participating in programs or activities, or assist a minor in any way in gaining access to such materials.

Shower, bathe, or undress with, or in the presence of, minors or vulnerable adults.

I understand that as a person working with and/or providing services to minors or vulnerable adults in a Dixie State University sponsored program, I am subject to a criminal history background check. My signature confirms that I have read this Statement of Acknowledgement and that as a person working with minors or vulnerable adults I agree to follow these standards and other related policies of the University. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Statement of Acknowledgement or failure to take action mandated by this Statement and the University Policy #150 may result in disciplinary action up to and including removal from the University and/or as covered by law.

Name (print): ________________________________

Signature/Date: ___________________________ / ________________

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