

## Safeguarding Statement – Young People

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

- Feel comfortable
- Be cared for
- Feel safe and be safe
- 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 supportive, to help you make good choices
- Be provided with clear directions
- Be able to redirect your behaviour in a positive manner if staff believe that you have broken program rules and/or misbehaved
- NOT be subject to disciplinary action involving physical punishment, or any form of treatment that is degrading, cruel, frightening or humiliating
- Contribute 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
- Give you access to safe places, safe spaces and act to help you