



# YMCA ANTI-BULLYING CONTRACT STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

## BULLYING

Everyone has the right to feel physically and emotionally safe at the Belvidere Family YMCA Y Kids' Care Program. I will do everything I can personally, as a Y Kids' Care camper, to create and preserve a physically and emotionally safe environment. As a member of Kids' Care, I will treat everyone with respect regardless of any differences.

Bullying is defined as intentionally aggressive behavior that can take many forms (verbal, physical, social, emotional, or cyber- or any combination of these). Bullying can be one child bullying another, or a group of children bullying another child or group of children.

## CAMPER'S RESPONSIBILITY

I commit that I will not bully my peers at school, at Kids' Care, or in my community. If I witness bullying at the Y, I will report it to a Kids' Care counselor or YMCA staff member.

*Camper's Name:*

*Date:*

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

I commit to encouraging my child to always respect and care for others. I will also respect all other adults (parents and staff) at the Belvidere YMCA. I have instructed my child not to bully. I have advised my child to report any bullying to the Kids' Care or YMCA staff.

I believe that everybody should enjoy Kids' Care and YMCA activities equally, and feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, intelligence, religion, appearance, wealth, or nationality. Bullying can be pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, as well as name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, and excluding someone. Bullying causes pain and stress to victims and is never justified or excusable as 'kids being kids,' 'just teasing,' or any other rationalization. This victim is never responsible for being a target of bullying.

*I understand that Bullying may result in suspension or expulsion from YMCA Kids' Care*

*Parent/Guardian Signature:*

*Date:*

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