

## **Guidelines for group substance use policy:**

### **Maine Youth Voices position regarding substance abuse by group members:**

MYV group-developed policies addressing alcohol and/or drug use involving group members should view the following as guidelines for inclusion:

- 1) The actions of members of MYV groups must not discredit or compromise the goals of MYV.
- 2) The policy itself may or may not be “zero tolerance” in that room for offenders to have a second chance and/or be referred to other agencies for assistance may be appropriate.
- 3) The policy must satisfy the needs of the fiscal agent morally and legally.
- 4) The policy is created and managed by the youth members with the guidance of their Adult Coordinator.

All groups are required to create their own internal use policy. At the beginning of each year, internal policies must be reviewed by the group and make any appropriate changes, if necessary. If any incidents occur, the policy must be reviewed again at that time.

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