

YOUNG ADULT SURVIVORS UNITED (YASU)
LIABILITY WAIVER

As a condition of participating in YASU activities and/or being able to access its programming and materials, I hereby agree that I acknowledge, understand, and agree as follows. I also understand that signing this document does not guarantee me ongoing access to YASU.

While various types of trained professionals may be involved in YASU and its activities from time to time, YASU programming does not in any way constitute mental health treatment or medical care. YASU programming should not be considered a substitute for seeking assistance from qualified mental health practitioners and/or medical professionals.

Many YASU programs occur in a group setting. To create an environment in which participants feel safe sharing their thoughts and feelings, participants are asked to maintain the “what happens here stays here” policy regarding the information that other participants choose to share with the group. You agree to comply with this policy and understand that you may be denied access to future YASU programming if you are found to have revealed group confidences. That said, YASU does not directly control its participants, and you understand that neither YASU nor your fellow participants or leaders may be held liable for any damages which may be caused due to outside discussion of the information heard during YASU events.

Because YASU programming is not healthcare, the activities are not covered by HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) protections regarding confidentiality and privacy of personally-identifiable healthcare information. While there may be trained and/or licensed professionals involved in YASU’s work from time to time, these individuals are not in any type of healthcare provider relationship with YASU participants. YASU makes efforts to maintain privacy and discretion in its operations, but participants should not expect (and YASU will not provide) HIPAA-compliant procedures or record-keeping practices.

YASU is fundamentally a group-centered approach to helping young adult survivors to work together to process their experiences. Because YASU wants leadership to grow from within its ranks of participants, it encourages laypeople to take active roles in carrying on YASU activities. Participants understand and agree that these laypeople are not to be viewed as or held to the standard of healthcare professionals, and that neither YASU nor the layperson leaders may be held liable for any information or advice they may give, or for any breaches of confidence.

AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD AS A YASU MEMBER:

You expressly agree not to make any claim against YASU or its officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, members, advisors, subsidiaries, or successors, for any injuries or damages which may occur as a result of your involvement with YASU. This obligation extends to your heirs, assigns, and future agents. This lack of liability shall extend to YASU’s partner organizations and subcontractors.

You understand that you are solely responsible for your actions, including the disclosure of personal information, as well as for any injuries or damages which may result from those actions or failure to act. You understand that this is a binding legal document.

You have read and understood this document and agree to its conditions.