



## Volunteer Code of Ethics and Rules

1. Smoking or use of tobacco products in the Wilkinson Center is prohibited.
2. Using, processing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be permitted.
3. Volunteers shall not use profanity in the Wilkinson Center.
4. Volunteers shall treat clients of all races, religions, and cultures with respect and consideration.
5. Volunteers shall not abuse clients including but not limited to:
  - Physical Abuse - strike, spank, shake or slap
  - Verbal Abuse - humiliation, degrade or threaten
  - Sexual Abuse – including inappropriate touching and exposure
7. Volunteers shall refrain from intimate displays of affection in the presence of clients, visitors or staff.
8. **Gifts, specifically monetary gifts to clients are prohibited and will result in immediate termination of volunteer position.**
9. Volunteers will portray a positive role model for clients by maintaining an attitude of respect, patience, integrity, courtesy and maturity.
10. Volunteers will try to avoid being put in a situation where they are alone with a Wilkinson Center client.
11. Texas State law requires that all citizens report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and law enforcement agencies. The Wilkinson Center will fully cooperate with any related investigation and will pursue prosecution of child abuses to the full extent under the law.
12. I understand that as a volunteer of The Wilkinson Center, I will be subject to a background check, including criminal history.

I understand that allegations of harassment are taken seriously by The Wilkinson Center and will be investigated, and that The Wilkinson Center will fully cooperate with any related investigation.

**For the protection and well being of all clients, volunteers, staff, and visitors, I understand that any violation of this Code may be grounds for removal as a volunteer. Being fully aware of the matters contained in the Volunteer Code of Ethics and Rules, I still desire consideration as a volunteer for the Wilkinson Center.**

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Volunteer Signature

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