

How to Create a Community Agreement

A community agreement is a [set of guidelines](#) that help a group feel safe and respected in a space. For groups that meet over extended periods, consider creating or reiterating one during the beginning welcome circle at the Launch Pad.

Your group may already have an agreement in place; if not, here's an activity you can do with the parents/caregivers and the kids.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Three large pieces of paper, taped to the walls or spread on a table or the floor—just make sure they are accessible to all.
2. Markers and/or crayons for each piece of paper.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Explain that a 'community agreement' is an opportunity for the group to decide what they need to make the space and their time together enjoyable and comfortable.
2. Show everyone the three sheets of paper. Write a large one-word heading at the top of each sheet:

| **KIND** | | **FUN** | | **SAFE** |

3. Hand out markers and ask the kids and caregivers to write words or phrases on each sheet of paper. You can add words to get everyone started too if that helps. For example, under SAFE you might write "All questions welcome!"

SAMPLE SCRIPT:

"Talking and writing about yourself can be hard sometimes. We want to make sure we create a space where you feel kindness, where you're having fun, and where you feel safe and free to make choices.

Write down what you would need to feel kindness, have fun, and feel safe."