

## Youth Evolve – What to Expect

### 1.0 Goals

The goals of the Youth Evolve are:

- Learn about the realities/lives of youth today
- Supporting CASEY coalition with advocacy and prevention
- CASEY will support the development/growth of professional skills of youth members

### 2.0 What Youth Evolve members will get up to

- Attend monthly\* meetings, organized by the Casey Coordinator
- Support the coalition in advocacy to prevent the sexual exploitation of youth
- Support the coalition in prevention programs
- Sit on one CASEY subcommittee, as youth representatives (Subcommittees meet monthly)
- Two youth representatives to attend CASEY meetings quarterly (once every three months) to update larger group on work

\*Meetings may be more or less often, depending on the group of youth involved.

Goals and Key Responsibilities may change depending on the group of youth involved.

### 3.0 Who is a part of Youth Evolve

There will be a maximum of 10 youth participating in Youth Evolve. Youth are between ages 16-22, and may or may not have lived experience with sexual exploitation. The Casey Coordinator will also be an active member of the committee. The Executive Director of Thrive may attend as needed.

A committee member who misses 5 meetings, in a row, without letting the Casey Coordinator know, will have their membership reviewed by the Casey Coordinator.

### 4.0 Meetings

Youth Evolve will meet monthly. The meetings may be in person, by teleconference or electronically (Zoom, Google Meets etc.).

If a youth is not able to participate in a meeting, that member can speak to the Casey Coordinator, before the meeting, so that the coordinator can share the member's ideas at the meeting. The member can email written comments or documentation before the missed meeting to the Casey Coordinator.

### 5.0 How long will youth be involved

Each Youth Evolve member is asked to serve a year term. The terms start and end date will correspond to the Casey Coalition's meeting dates (typically September – June). Fewer meetings will take place in the summer (July & August).

## 6.0 Running/Organizing the meetings

The Chair will be the Casey Coordinator.

The Chair will:

- Email to set the meeting dates and times
- Chair meetings of the committee;
- Designate another CASEY coalition member to chair the committee in the Chair's absence.
- Provide support to Youth Evolve members in their professional skills

## 7.0 Decision making

Youth Evolve will strive for consensus (everyone agrees) when making decisions. If consensus cannot be achieved members will vote, continue discussion, table issue for another meeting, or take the issue to the CASEY Coalition.

## 8.0 Minutes – keeping track of what we discuss

Each youth will rotate the responsibility of taking minutes (a record of the conversation). Minutes shall be approved at the following meeting. All minutes will be forwarded to the Casey Coordinator and stored within the Youth Evolve electronic file.

## 10.0 Guests

The Chair may invite guests to attend meetings as a resource, as required. If youth would like to invite a guest it is asked they clear it with the Casey Coordinator first.

## 11.0 Accountability

The Youth Evolve Committee will be accountable to the coalition through the Casey Coordinator.