



Elder Agreement with Stepping Stones Project

My signature below acknowledges the receipt and thorough review of these Elder-Leader Guidelines.

I agree to make myself available to my SSP Leaders in the following ways:

Parent and Youth Group

- Make initial contact with both my co-leaders to establish our alliance and become familiar with one another as soon as they are assigned.
- Attend 1st Parent Meeting, when group has formed
- Attend and support Quarterly Parent meetings during the life of the group
- Attend Daylongs or Camping trips if invited by Leaders as much as I am able
- Attend at least one youth group meeting per Quarter after the 1st Quarter
- Check in with my co-leaders outside the Parent Meeting (or in preparation) once/Quarter
- Attend Final Marking Ceremony for youth group and families

Orientation and Ongoing Support

- Attend Elder training and orientation in the Fall or at the start of my SSP Elder experience
- Seek ongoing connection and consultation with my Elder Buddy
- Attend at least 2 of the 3 Elder Council meetings held each year
- Join 1-2 invitations yearly to attend Learning Community to connect with the SSP Leader community (Leader training time that meets monthly)
- Continued interest and willingness to connect with the SSP Elder community

Encouraged Optional Events

While the following events are not mandatory, whenever possible I shall try to attend these events as well. I understand the full integration into the Stepping Stones Village will enhance my SSP experience:

- Spring and Fall Village Retreats - for Staff, Leaders, Board and Elders
- All Village Daylong (*if scheduled*) - for SSP families, Staff, Leaders, Board and Elders

Early departure commitment

While the commitment to my SSP group is expected to remain over the full course of its existence, life and circumstance can't always be foreseen. If it becomes necessary for me to leave the group before completion, I'll do so with a conscious and respectful protocol: giving Leaders and SSP staff as much notice as possible, and together communicating with parents why and when I will be leaving. If requested by Leaders and at all feasible, a last attendance at a Parent Meeting, and/or youth group, conveys good modeling for healthy closure.

Elder Name:

Date:

