IAYT Approved Professional Development (APD)

Safe Schools Policy

It is the responsibility of the leadership of an APD Provider, IAYT Certified Yoga Therapists (C-IAYT), and any APD Course Faculty to ensure that:

- any APD workshop or training operates with honesty and integrity,
- they provide an emotionally and physically safe environment for all participants -- including staff, faculty, students, and patients/clients, and
- they protect individual community members against emotional, sexual, and physical harassment/abuse that can sometimes occur in situations with power imbalances or lack of understanding and respect for professional boundaries.

To that end, APD Providers and any Course Faculty agree to:

- Adhere to high ethical standards
- Comply with applicable laws and regulations
- Use touch ethically and in compliance with IAYT guidelines and properly document receiving informed consent to touch from program participants, if touch is used
- Refrain from all forms of sexual, emotional, and physical harassment and threats of harassment, including verbal expressions
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Maintain high standards of academic integrity
- Refrain from all forms of discrimination; respecting the rights and dignity of others
- Maintain high standards of client care where applicable
- Conduct business practices with honesty and integrity
- Report suspected violations of ethical and legal conduct to appropriate authorities in a timely manner