STREETSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

6. Our church has an open-door policy which means that a parent, volunteer, or church staff member can visit/observe at any time.

7. Our church encourages the use of two teachers/leaders for all vulnerable person activities.

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