PART OF LIFE:
INCLUSION + SUSTAINABILITY

The University of Arizona Housing & Residential Life has a strong commitment to inclusion and sustainability. All of our programs and events should model what it means to be inclusive and environmentally conscious. Consider these questions as you build community:

SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMMING CHECKLIST

✓ Do I have a convenient recycling receptacle at every program – am I informing residents where it is?

✓ Am I communicating sustainable practices to program attendees (e.g. explaining what was purchased that can be recycled, or the reasons the event has a low environmental impact)?

✓ Am I buying locally produced food and goods and/or am I purchasing food from local businesses?

✓ When appropriate, am I buying raw or unprocessed food? Bulk or minimally packaged?

✓ Am I buying fair trade items? Organic?

✓ Am I asking residents to bring their own (or providing) reusable plates, cups, silverware, etc.?

✓ Can my event be vegetarian?

✓ Am I demonstrating sustainable practices in advertising (e.g. using the backs of old advertisements, making one big poster instead of small fliers, using social media, etc.)?

✓ Am I purchasing only what will be used? Am I reusing the leftovers?

✓ Am I only purchasing what I really NEED – do I need those unrecyclable, plastic “mementos”?

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING CHECKLIST

✓ What day and time are my residents available? Am I sure the time is convenient for them?

✓ Am I interacting with ALL residents at the program – not just the students I know and the other organizers?

✓ When advertising for the program, are all types of people represented in images – ability, body size, racial diversity, same sex couples, etc.?

✓ Are there any holidays my residents celebrate that I need to be sure to schedule around and/or for?

✓ Did I assess the accessibility of my program and the programming space itself? Am I engaging different learning styles? Will those with mobility impairments be able to move easily throughout the program, etc.?

✓ Do my residents have any dietary restrictions I need to account for?

✓ Are the majority of my programs or sponsored hall amenities free or low-cost?

✓ Am I personally inviting ALL of my residents to my programs, not just the ones I am closest to?

✓ Am I clearly advertising what the program is for, especially if the topic may be triggering for participants? No “bait and switch!”

✓ Am I aware of the assumptions I may be making about the kinds of programs my residents enjoy – e.g. all men love sports, etc.?