



Child Sexual Abuse Prevention in Youth-Serving Organizations

Youth-Serving Organizations (YSOs) are where adults have access to and opportunities to develop close relationships with children.

Every year 35 million adults come in contact with more than 70 million children and teens through YSOs.

Benefits vs. Risks

- YSOs can offer children/teens a positive and nurturing environment where they can develop and grow in a safe setting staffed by caring adults.
- BUT this environment can provide opportunities for sexual misconduct and abuse to occur.

Planning Tools for Developing Policies for Prevention

- *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: **Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth-serving Organizations***
<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/PreventingChildSexualAbuse-a.pdf>
- *National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: **Safe to Compete: An Introduction to Sound Practices for Keeping Children Safer in Youth-serving Organizations*** <http://www.safetocompete.org/SoundPractices>
 - Handout for parents: **Know the Rules...For Child Safety in Youth Sports** <http://ag.hawaii.gov/cpia/files/2013/02/KTR-Youth-Sports-NC34.pdf>
- *U.S. Department of Justice: **What You Need to Know About Background Screening:*** <http://ric-zai-inc.com/Publications/cops-p260-pub.pdf>

Sample Policies and Procedures

- *Cal Ripkin, Sr. Foundation: provides free tool kit for creating child protection policy, affordable background checks and online training.*
www.crsfportal.org

- *The United Methodist Church: Safe Sanctuaries provides online training and sample policies and procedures: <http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/safe-sanctuaries>*
- *PreventConnect Webinar: Power of organizational practices: Innovations to keep kids safer: [Working with youth organizations to end child sexual abuse](#)*
- *Enough Abuse Campaign, Gatekeepers for Kids: A Practical Guide to Make Your Organization Safer: http://www.enoughabuse.org/images/stories/yso/yso_booklet.pdf*
- *SafeSport seeks to create a healthy, supportive environment for all participants. <http://safesport.org/>*
- *Commit to Kids has tools for organizations that want to create a safe environment: http://www.commit2kids.ca/app/en/what_is_commit_to_kids*

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