



CHURCH ASSESSMENT

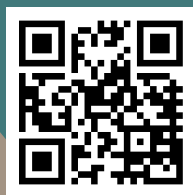
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- Do you require sexual abuse awareness training for all staff and volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults?
- Are you thoroughly screening staff and volunteers using background checks, references, and personal interviews?
- Do you have written policies in place that your staff and volunteers actively adhere to?
- Do all staff and volunteers know how to officially report abuse in your county? Do you have a plan in place to respond internally to allegations?
- Are you aware of resources for trauma survivors and their families that can provide long-term care?

If you answered 'no' to any of the above, see the reverse for five standards of a safe church.

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PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION & PROTECTION

TRAIN

Provide initial and ongoing training for staff, volunteers, and church members that raises awareness and shares effective actions to prevent incidents of abuse in the church.

SCREEN

Ensure a thorough vetting process for all those working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Screening should include an application, interview, references, and background checks.

PROTECT

Create and administer behavioral policies that protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from grooming, and abuse.

REPORT

Have a written plan in place to communicate with both the church and local law enforcement in the event of an abuse allegation.

CARE

Identify resources that will provide victims and their families with options for care.