

# CHRIST IN YOUTH

## ADULT LEADER SCREENING FACT SHEET

*In an effort to create the safest environment possible for participants, CIY has adopted an Adult Leader Screening Program. That program requires the following:*

- 1. Each adult attending a CIY event must complete the online Medical Release form along with the items included on the form explaining the requirements for attending a CIY event as an adult leader.*
- 2. Each adult must successfully complete a background check. CIY requires at minimum a National Criminal and Sex Offender background check. Some states or venues may require other, additional checks.*
- 3. Each adult must successfully complete an approved Abuse Awareness Training Module. Approved providers are Ministry Safe (MinistrySafe.com) and Train Right (TrainRight.org). Churches using other providers for similar training must request approval from CIY in order for training by that provider to satisfy this requirement.*
- 4. The Primary Leader for each group attending a CIY event must complete a form verifying that all of the adults attending with their group have completed the requirements listed above.*

A **National Criminal** and **Sex Offender** Background Check along with **Abuse Awareness Training** is now required.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the purpose behind requiring adult leader screening?**

CIY wants you and your students to be protected throughout the duration of the event you are attending. Background checks alone are not enough. Risks to students are further reduced by training adults to recognize signs of or precursors to abuse.

### **When did this policy take effect?**

This policy is being implemented beginning with summer 2021 events at CIY.

In 2009, CIY began requesting and strongly encouraging churches attending events to have background checks run on all adults prior to attending the event. The changes in the requirements reflect additional understanding of best practices when it comes to protecting students.

### **What steps do I need to take?**

1. Check to see if your church uses a particular company when completing background checks.
2. If there is no a specific place that you are required to use, you may check out the following sites for affordable background checks:

- [www.churchvolunteercentral.com](http://www.churchvolunteercentral.com)
- [www.trak-1.com](http://www.trak-1.com)
- [www.onesourcebackground.com/volunteer-screening](http://www.onesourcebackground.com/volunteer-screening)
- [www.shieldscreening.com](http://www.shieldscreening.com)

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➤ [www.ministrysafe.com](http://www.ministrysafe.com)

3. Select an Abuse Awareness Training Provider. Currently approved providers are:

➤ [www.trainright.org](http://www.trainright.org)  
➤ [www.ministrysafe.com](http://www.ministrysafe.com)

4. Ensure that all adults attending with your group complete the background check, training and medical release form.

5. Complete the Adult Leader Screening Verification Form prior to arrival at your event.

## **What if we already have background checks on our volunteers?**

If your church has background checks on file for all of your leaders that have been completed within the past two years, then CIY does not require you to run a new one. Completion of the Adult Leader Screening Verification form will serve as documentation of those background checks.

## **What documentation do I need to bring to the CIY event I am attending?**

You are not required to send us the results of the background checks. Please keep them on file at your church. Please note that you will need to have access to the results in order to produce proof of a background check within 24 hours if requested by CIY staff.

You will be asked to sign the **Adult Leader Verification Form** stating that a **National Criminal** and **Sex Offender** Background Check has been run on each leader attending a CIY event with your group along with completion of the required Abuse Awareness Training.

## **IMPORTANT**

***In order to assure the safety of everyone at the event, no one who has been convicted of a sex crime may attend a Christ In Youth event. CIY reserves the right to remove from any event any person that in its sole opinion poses a threat to the event or those in attendance. This may include anyone convicted of a felony or accused/arrested of/for a crime involving a minor.***