

While our primary desire in children's ministry is to lead children to Christ and disciple them, we also must be aware of our responsibility to protect those entrusted to us. While the overwhelming majority of our volunteers and church workers have the best interest of children at heart, the sad reality is that sexual predators exist in our society.

Children's safety is a priority for Southern Baptists in Indiana and because of that the executive board has seen a need to develop a child protection policy. For all children's and student events that are sponsored by the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana each church must have a background check on file for all adult chaperones. This will include but is not limited to events such as Mission Adventure Camp, JAM Camp and Student Fusion. This will not only help protect our children who attend these events, but it also serves to protect the state convention as a whole.

The implementation of screening procedures and background checks can seem like an overwhelming task but it is important for the safety of our children. For many churches this will be a new safety policy and for that reason we have put several resources on this website. As a Convention, we desire to guide you in a simple and economical procedure that can be used to facilitate your church in implementing a child protection policy.

If you have any questions or would like any assistance in developing a child protection policy please contact Sarah Bohrer at the SCBI office, sbohrer@scbi.org (317)481-2400 ext. 227 Ministering together, Church Health Committee of the Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana