Essentials Checklists

Use this diagnostic to see how your safeguards measure up or where you may identify areas for improvement.

Prevention

- ☐ Our leadership supports child and youth protection
- ☐ We have a child safety coordinator or someone who has safeguards oversight
- ☐ We are aware of the laws in our state or operating jurisdiction related to abuse prevention, response, and mandatory reporting
- ☐ We have appropriate levels of insurance
- ☐ We screen all staff and volunteers that work with minors and vulnerable adults

Our worker screening process includes:

- ☐ Photo ID verification
- ☐ Background checks
- ☐ Reference checks
- ☐ Interview / Questionnaire

- ☐ We have child/youth protection policies and we follow these to the best of our ability
- ☐ We train all staff and volunteers that work with minors and vulnerable adults
- ☐ We maintain appropriate levels of supervision when minors are in the care of our church
- ☐ We communicate with parents and caregivers an overview of our safeguards

Response

- ☐ We have a documented response plan and have committed to reporting abuse
- ☐ We are prepared to report abuse and have identified the appropriate state agency and local law enforcement
- ☐ We have a crisis response team identified and ready to respond to an allegation of abuse
- ☐ We have identified or have access to a Christian counselor that shares our values and convictions
- ☐ We have identified our own legal counsel or attorney to assist us and one that specializes in church or non-profit legal practice
- ☐ We have identified our local Child Advocacy Center
- ☐ We have a list of potential notifications to make in the event of a report

Our Training includes:

- ☐ Definitions of of abuse
- ☐ Indicators of abuse
- ☐ Common grooming behaviors
- ☐ mandatory reporter