

California AB 506

Volunteer and staff screening

Volunteers who work with children (children are defined as anyone under 18) and *all* employees must be fingerprinted and undergo a background screening through the state's Live Scan system.



Abuse and neglect training

Volunteers who work with children (and *all* employees) must participate in abuse and neglect identification and reporting training. The state's training program is an option, but not the only one. A program that covers the core topics of California's training is acceptable.



Writing child protection policies

Organizations must have policies and procedures designed to identify and prevent abuse and to ensure known or suspected incidents are reported immediately. This is the minimum state requirement, however, and organizations would be wise to have more thorough child protection policies.



Applying for state database access

Each organization must apply to become what the state calls an Applicant Agency. Each Agency receives an ORI ("Originating Request Identifier") number, which authorizes a church to interact with the state's criminal justice database. Bottom line: You must request access to confidential data.



Appointing a database custodian

At least one person in each organization must be designated as the "Custodian of Records." The custodian is the person who has access to the confidential criminal data provided by the state of California.

