

THE NEED TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH

In recent years the community has become aware of the reality of child abuse. Such abuse can be physical, emotional or sexual. The immediate and ongoing consequences for the victims of such abuse are heartbreaking. With such a reality in mind, it is important that churches do all that is possible to provide a safe and secure environment for children/youth.

The Bible consistently expresses God's concern for the well being of the weak and powerless members of society. The importance of the proper nurture and protection of children/youth is evident in such texts as Matthew 19:14, Mark 9:36-37, Luke 17:2, and Ephesians 6:4. Christ's words and example provide a strong foundation for Destiny Church to be responsible in the care of minors.

***THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR
CHILDREN/YOUTH & VOLUNTEERS***

This current culture has understandably led to suspicion and fear. Sometimes even innocent people are suspected and accused. Such accusations do great damage to whole families. For this reason it is appropriate to safeguard adults who are working with young people, through offering sound guidance and supervision. Screening and background checks are likewise a part of this safeguarding, allowing individuals to recognize that they may not be suitable for some forms of ministry involvement.

These procedures and guidelines do not suggest that people already serving do not have integrity of character. Rather they offer visible and recognizable procedural evidence to support them.

Just as our children/youth should be protected from harm, a person with known convictions should be safeguarded from temptations. It is our goal at Destiny Church to provide a safe environment for our children/youth to grow spiritually.





**children/youth ministry
background screening release**

Full Name: _____

Other Names used: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Previous Address (If less than 7 years at present address)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

Gender: Male Female

Race: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Social Security #: ____-____-____ (yes, we do need this)

Driver's License Number: _____

State Driver's License was issued in: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Widowed

If married, how long? _____

Maiden Name: _____

**WHY WE NEED TO SCREEN
VOLUNTEERS:**

(A) TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

Child abuse is a real issue, and damages people severely, so we need to deal with it, not just for legal and pragmatic reasons but because it is right to do so.

(B) TO SUPPORT YOU AS OUR WORKERS

Workers need protection from overreactions, through [confidential] screening. This shows confidence in the workers we accept. Workers shall be assured that screening does not imply distrust by the church.

(C) TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY IN OUR CHURCH'S WITNESS

We must show that we try our best to avoid problems. Also, we are legally responsible for the leaders we appoint.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Destiny Church to perform a criminal records background check for arrests, convictions, or other local, state, or federal criminal acts. I give full permission to Destiny Church for the release of this information to the necessary leaders.

Signature: _____

Date ____/____/____