



# Children's Ministry Screening



## ***THE NEED TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN***

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.

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 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 Hazelwood Christian Church being responsible in the care of minors.



## ***THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR CHILDREN & 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 should be protected from harm, a person with known convictions should be safeguarded from temptations. It is our goal at Hazelwood Christian Church to provide a safe environment for our kids to grow spiritually.



# Children's Ministry Volunteer Screening



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names used: \_\_\_\_\_

If Married – How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:    Male        Female        Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

State Driver's License was issued in: \_\_\_\_\_

*WHY WE NEED TO SCREEN  
VOLUNTEERS:*

(A) TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

Child abuse is a live 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 Hazelwood Christian Church to perform a criminal records check for arrests, convictions, or other local, state, or federal criminal acts. I give full permission to Hazelwood Christian Church for the release of this information.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_