

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION RESOURCES

TRAINING | BACKGROUND CHECKS | SKILLFUL SCREENING
POLICIES & PROCEDURES | MONITORING & OVERSIGHT

**Protecting Children
And Those Who
Serve Them**





THE 5-PART SAFETY SYSTEM

Our Child Safety System is designed to prevent sexual abuse in child-serving organizations, whether the abuse involves a trusted adult or another child.

An Effective Child Safety System Requires All Five Parts

PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Our comprehensive approach utilizes industry-leading Training, sample policy forms and screening processes, creating layers of protection.

Annual Membership enables organizations to view and send all Trainings, order and manage Background Checks, access sample policy forms and monitor Safety System elements with the online Control Panel.

SAFETY SYSTEM ELEMENTS

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

provides the foundation of an effective Safety System. When staff members and volunteers are equipped with the 'eyes to see' the abuser's grooming process, they are better equipped to protect those in their care.

Skillful Screening Processes & Training

equip hiring managers to recognize and screen for high-risk responses from applicants, including access to state-of-the-art sample forms.

Policies & Procedures

are marginally effective without Awareness Training. APS provides Sample Policy Forms customized to various program offerings.

Appropriate Background Checks

provide a necessary screening component, but there is no 'one-size-fits-all' Background Check. APS provides seven levels of Background Checks, completed and viewable online.

Monitoring & Oversight

ensures periodic review and accountability within the System. The APS Control Panel manages and tracks Training and Background Checks, and archives Safety System elements.



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BACKGROUND CHECKS

Abuse Prevention Systems Takes The Mystery Out Of Background Checks

Abuse Prevention Systems (APS) is led by sexual abuse experts who are committed to searching and reporting ALL legally reportable records.

Background Checks are an important element of an effective Safety System. The benefits of this screening resource are jeopardized when organizational leaders lack vital information or select a provider who cuts corners.

Unfortunately, all Background Checks are not equal.

Learn why APS provides the most effective Background Checks, helping your organization to get the most from background searches.

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WHICH PACKAGE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Though not a 'silver bullet', Background Checks provide an important element in the 5-Part Safety System. For effective use, however, a functional understanding of the process is essential.

There is no one-size-fits-all Background Check. Background Checks should be keyed to positions, such that the depth of check matches the extent and type of direct involvement with children. Each volunteer or staff member must be paired with the appropriate level of Background Check. As an example, if you are hiring a janitor who works at night when children are never present, a Level 1 search may be appropriate. However, a Children's Director who is active in the classroom would be better served with a Level 7 search.

BACKGROUND CHECK PACKAGES

		LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6	LEVEL 7
SEARCH ELEMENTS	IDENTITY RESEARCH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DATABASE RESEARCH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	SEX OFFENDER DATABASE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	MVR REPORT		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE			✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓*
	FEDERAL CRIMINAL SEARCH					✓	✓*	✓*
	STATE RECORD SEARCH							✓*
FEATURES	HITS VERIFIED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	ADDITIONAL COURT FEES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	ESTIMATED PROCESSING TIME (Business days)	1	1	1-2	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-3

Not all packages available in all states

✓* Searches all jurisdictions where an applicant has lived

WHY CHOOSE ABUSE PREVENTION SYSTEMS?

Many Background Check providers cut corners in states with more legally accessible search parameters. For instance, Texas employers are legally permitted to access non-conviction records within the last 7 years and convictions with no limit, regardless of the date of the conviction. California law, in contrast, restricts searches to convictions within the last 7 years and non-convictions are withheld completely.

At APS, we are committed to providing the most comprehensive search results permitted by federal and state law. First and foremost, we are committed to the safety of children and vulnerable adults in your care.

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