## Safeguarding Against Sexual Abuse

### Children/Youth Checklist

1. Do you ask volunteers to wait until they are associated with your ministry for at least six months before allowing them involvement with children of any age?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

2. Do you invest in a background screening program for all volunteers and employees who work with children?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

3. Does the background check include investigation into prior church membership and volunteer work, reference checks, and criminal records checks?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

4. On and off church premises, do you have at least two adults supervise a group of children at all times, whether they are in a room, a vehicle, or other enclosed space—even if only one or two children need care?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

5. Do you ensure an adequate number of adult chaperones for all off-premise events, especially those that involve overnights?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

6. Do you discourage the use of teenagers as nursery workers (or any other type of child care provider) during organized church functions?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

7. Do you use a “claim check” procedure so that children are released only to a parent, guardian, or other authorized person?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

8. Do your children's ministry leaders know all state and federal laws that deal with child abuse (e.g., reporting requirements), and have they been trained in how to comply with these laws?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

9. Do your staff members and volunteers know how to identify inappropriate behavior and the procedures for reporting such conduct?  
   - Yes: ☐  
   - Needs Attention: ☐

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