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# There is no subject more important than the protection of our children



#### **AB 506**

AB 506 – Child Abuse and Neglect Training and Heightened Background Check Requirements for Youth Service Organizations

AB 506 requires administrators, employees, and regular volunteers of "youth service organizations" to complete training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting and undergo a background check pursuant to Penal Code Section 11105.3, which includes fingerprinting/livescan. "Regular volunteer" is defined as "18 years of age or older and who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year."

### **AB 506 – cont'd**

Youth Service Organization is defined in the law as an organization that employs or utilizes services of persons who, due to their relationship with the organization, are mandated reporters pursuant to the definition found in the Penal Code at 11165.7(7)(a). On its face, AB 506 would appear to require that every administrator, employee, and regular volunteer of any organization that provides services to youth be trained in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting, background checked, and fingerprinted in accordance with standards set in Penal Code Section 11105.3.

#### eAdventist and Clerks

Once a volunteer is accepted by the church add them to eAdventist – status "pending"

When the volunteer provides a copy of the LiveScan form AND the training certificate change status to "approved"

If the Head of Agency identifies a LiveScan problem, the volunteer's status will be changed to pending

# If there is a problem?

- The Head of Agency will contact the volunteer and ask them to speak with the Pastor and change their eAdventist status to "pending"
- If the problem is sexual in nature and the volunteer wants to attend church, the "Participation Agreement" may be discussed and implemented by the Pastor and Head Elder.
- A copy of the executed "Participation Agreement" must be submitted to the Risk Management Director

# Misunderstandings...

All volunteers who get LiveScan must also complete the online training to be cleared.

The Head of Agency does not receive a list of volunteers after they've completed LiveScan

Sterling is being discontinued. Once expired, there will be no renewal. Current approval will be honored.

# Misunderstandings...

LiveScan does not affect a person's immigration status

School Board Chairpersons must be LiveScanned...not the entire Board except the volunteers that work directly with students.

If you have completed LiveScan you do not have to repeat it to volunteer at another SCC church or school.

#### Let's take action now...

- The Gillette Camporee is approaching...in order to be eligible to go you must: 1. Complete LiveScan and; 2. Online training and; 3. Have name entered into eAdventist by DECEMBER 31, 2023.
- HR and RM will prepare and submit regular reports to President Salazar to update the officers on the status of our churches.
- Please contact Chris or Ashton directly for more information.

  Also, you may find answers on the Risk Management page on the SCC website.

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