
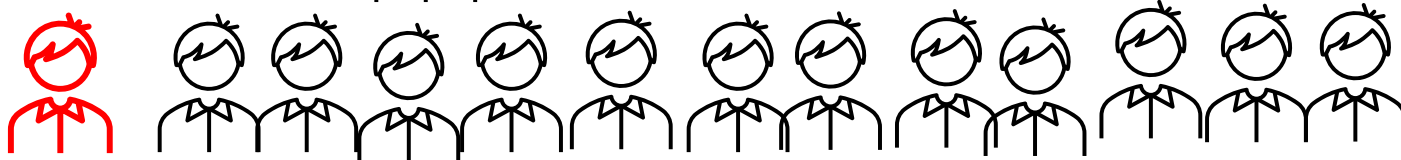




# Why Youth Protection Matters

- Through KYP, Kiwanis serves over 300,000 youth each year
- During childhood across all ages and socioeconomic levels:
  - 1 in 4 Girls The illustration shows four stylized girl icons in a row. The first icon on the left is colored red, while the other three are black.
  - 1 in 13 Boys The illustration shows thirteen stylized boy icons in a row. The first icon on the left is colored red, while the other twelve are black.
  - experience child sexual abuse



# Why Youth Protection Matters



Abusers have in common:

- Privacy
- Access
- Control

Abuse is usually at the hands of a known acquaintances and family member NOT strangers

- More than 90% of abusers are people children know, love and trust
- 85% of child abuse victims never report their abuse





# Why Youth Protection Matters

- Who? → • Youth from every socio-economic, ethnicity, gender, big or small community
- What? → • Prevent adult to youth abuse and peer to peer abuse
- When? → • Anytime, any access
- Where? → • Private spaces: 1 on 1 interactions, bathrooms, cars/buses, hotels, etc.  
• Online: email, social media, gaming, etc.



# Why Youth Protection Matters

- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in children and adolescents in the US
- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in 15-29 age group globally
- Risk factors
  - exposure to violence
  - impulsivity
  - aggressive or disruptive behavior
  - access to firearms
  - bullying
  - feelings of hopelessness or helplessness
  - acute loss or rejection





# Kiwanis Student & Youth Protection Goals

**Protect, educate and engage all Kiwanis members youth and adult.**

1. Protect youth members from predators
2. Empower and educate adult members with best practices when working with youth
3. Provide youth with positive skills development tools designed to inspire and engage our future leaders to be their best





# Youth Protection ABCs

- ✓ **A – Accessible, high quality training and resources**
- ✓ **B – Background Checks and Beyond**
- ✓ **C – Culture of Care**





[Go to Kiwanis.org/youth protection](https://www.kiwanis.org/youth-protection)

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# YOUTH PROTECTION

As the premier provider of youth service clubs and programs, Kiwanis International holds itself and its members to the highest standards of conduct and awareness.

Each year, more than 300,000 youth take part in Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs like K-Kids, Builders Club and Key Club. And Kiwanis reaches millions more youth around the world through club and district service projects. When we work with and mentor youth during projects and activities, their care and welfare are entrusted to us.

Kiwanis members must know how to protect the youth with whom we interact. When we all share this commitment, we also protect ourselves and the organization we value.

Kiwanis International has taken extensive action to equip Kiwanis clubs, districts and Service Leadership Programs with the tools to provide safe and secure environments for youth.

[POLICIES AND PROCEDURES](#)

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# A- Accessible Training YP Policy Training

## Education

- Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these guidelines.

Club PR and Marketing Chair

☐ Our club has received Youth Protection Guidelines training.

Service Leadership Programs ?

- Training slides and past recording available for clubs to use. Go to *Kiwanis.org/youthprotection website*



### **YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES & PROCEDURES (effective February 2020)**

*These policies can be found in Kiwanis International Policies and Procedures as Procedure 432.*

*All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis event are required to read/understand, agree to and abide by these policies.*

**Education:** Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these guidelines, best practices and required actions for individuals who become aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. This education must occur annually, including providing a copy of these guidelines to each club member. Every Kiwanis district is expected to provide an educational forum or workshop at every district-produced convention and conference regarding guidelines and best practices for adults working with youth, using materials provided by Kiwanis International.

**Chaperone:** A chaperone is defined as a Kiwanis member, faculty member, parent, legal guardian or person who is in loco parentis, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who has been approved by the school or agency and registered with the school or agency to accompany the youth members at the specific event.

**Chaperone addition (Effective May 1, 2020):** A minimum of one adult per 10 students must be serving as chaperones during the entirety of the event. All chaperones (club members and non-members) participating in any single-day or overnight service leadership program event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International annual youth protection training. Additionally, chaperones must follow all applicable policies and procedures. (See also Procedure 432.)

**Criminal history background checks:** Kiwanis International requires clubs to have a clear criminal history background check for any club member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Program club. The check must be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. Persons without a clear criminal history background check may not serve as the advisor. Approved background checks shall be valid for no more than two years. Kiwanis advisors shall acquire a new criminal history background check upon their initial appointment to the position.

**District administrators for Service Leadership Programs (Effective May 1, 2020):** Kiwanis International requires all SLP district administrators to complete an application process, which includes submission of a completed application, having a clear background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International and completion of Kiwanis International youth protection training and any other elements that may be required by Kiwanis International. After receipt of an individual's application and verification of all required elements, Kiwanis International will review the information and decide, in its sole and absolute discretion, whether the individual is accepted to become an SLP district administrator. Kiwanis has no obligation to allow an individual to become an SLP district administrator based solely on a "clear" background check. Denial may be appealed via the process outlined in Procedure 197.

**Overnight events (Effective May 1, 2020):** All adults (club members and non-members) registered for or staying overnight at any Service Leadership Program event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International annual youth protection training. However, parents/guardians of participating students who are not chaperones may attend the event for a maximum of one overnight stay without a criminal history background check.





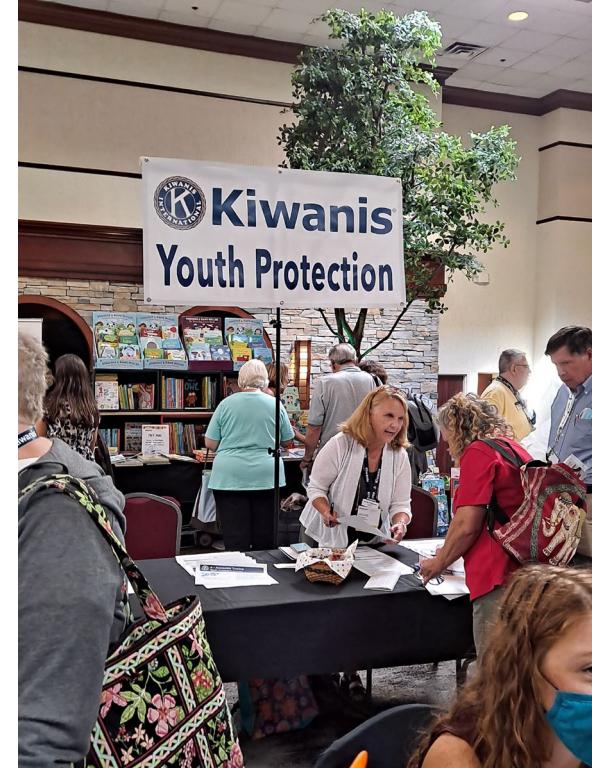
# YP Policy Training



DISTRICTS SHOULD HAVE FORUMS  
OR WORKSHOPS AT CONVENTIONS  
AND CONFERENCES.



DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION  
MANAGERS CAN TRAIN CLUBS  
VIRTUALLY/IN-PERSON








# Accessible Training Youth Protection courses

**PRAESIDIUM ACADEMY** Take a Tour of Academy Melissa McMann MM



**Welcome to Praesidium Academy**

Welcome to Kiwanis International youth protection and abuse prevention training courses through Praesidium Academy. Courses can be accessed in English and some in Spanish and French. Once you complete a course, you may save/print your completion certificate for your own records. Kiwanis does not need a copy since data is automatically transferred between systems.

**My Learning** 8 Events 0 Learning Paths 0 Completed 4 Archived 0 Certificates 0

> Meet Sam (ENG)	Course	<a href="#">View Course</a>
> Social Media Safety (ES)	Course   Spanish	<a href="#">Continue</a>
<a href="#">SELECT LANGUAGE</a>	Report: Mandated Reporter (ENG)	<a href="#">Continue</a>

**Assistance**

- ❑ Kiwanis SLP Advisors, District Admins, Risk & Youth Protection managers should complete 6 pre-loaded courses.
- ❑ Member/Non-member chaperones for SLP-sponsored events required to complete 3 "Chaperone" training courses.
  - Members (club president, secretary, etc.) are not required, but can access all courses.
  - Names of non-member chaperones can be emailed to [youthprotection@kiwanis.org](mailto:youthprotection@kiwanis.org) to create a learner account





# How to Login to Praesidium Academy

- Kiwanis (non-advisor) members can self-initiate a learner account in Praesidium Academy by:
  - Click “Create Praesidium account” on Kiwanis Connect member page.
  - Email will be sent to you to set up a password and log in to [www.praesidiumacademy.com](http://www.praesidiumacademy.com)

A screenshot of the Kiwanis Connect member page. The top navigation bar includes logos for Kiwanis, KEY CLUB, CKI, AKTION CLUB, Builders Club, and Kiwanis K-Kids. On the left is a vertical sidebar with icons and labels for 'Me', 'Education', and 'Membership'. The main content area shows a user profile section with a blurred name and a list of links: 'Edit profile picture', 'Edit Profile', and 'Create Praesidium Account'. The 'Create Praesidium Account' link is highlighted with a red rectangular box. A red arrow points from a text box on the right to this link. Below the links, there is a paragraph of text explaining the Club Management System.

Kiwanis KEY CLUB CKI AKTION CLUB Builders Club Kiwanis K-Kids

Me  
Education  
Membership

Edit profile picture  
 Edit Profile  
 Create Praesidium Account

This area of the Club Management System gives you access to special applications and reporting, all with club or district leadership position determines what applications are available to you. Don't see what you kiwanisone@kiwanis.org for assistance.

\*Note: this link disappears once it has been clicked.



# A – Accessible Training

## Policy – SLP Advisor Background checks

### Background checks for Kiwanis SLP Advisors

- Kiwanis International requires clubs to have a clear criminal history background check for any club member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Program club (SLP). SLPs include:
  - Circle K International
  - Key Club
  - Builders Club
  - K-Kids Club
  - Aktion Club



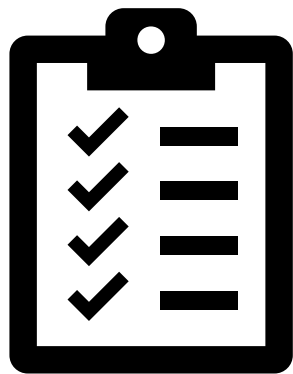




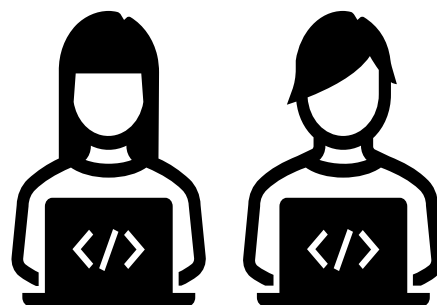
# SLP District Admins & Kiwanis Advisors



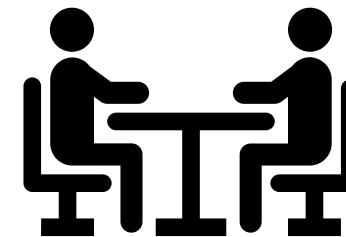
Must have a cleared and current Kiwanis background check on file with Kiwanis when chaperoning single-day off school premises or overnight SLP event.



Review & Follow all Kiwanis Youth Protection policies & procedures



Complete 6 online Youth Protection Praesidium Training courses.



Monitor and Supervise students

Report red-flag incidents to SLP event coordinators.



# SLP Chaperones

## Kiwanis Member/Non-members

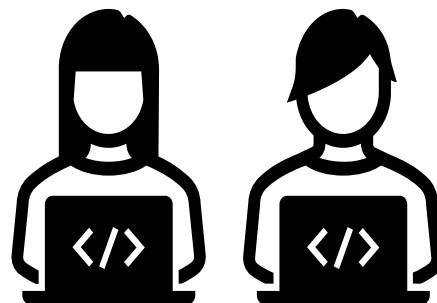


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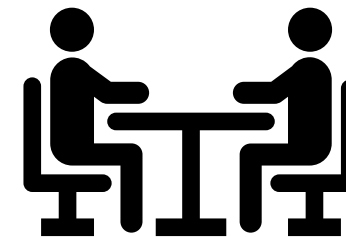
Review & Follow all Kiwanis Youth Protection policies & procedures

**\* Must be 21 years or older**



Complete 3 online Youth Protection Praesidium Training courses.

1. Abuse Risk Mgmt.
2. Social Media Safety
3. Preventing Sexual Activity Among Adolescents



Monitor and Supervise students

Report red-flag incidents to SLP event coordinators.





# A – Accessible Training

## Social Media & Communication Policy

- ***Best bet:*** connect via a club page/account and not individual youth member accounts.
- **Never initiate** following, friending, or liking posts and pages of individual students.
- Treat all social posts and interactions as public facing.
- **Never** post pictures of youth on your personal social media pages,
- Follow the **Rule of 3**, always include parents/guardians or another adult (Kiwaniis or Faculty Advisor, DA, or District YP Manager).
  - Avoid 1:1 texts
  - Avoid 1:1 emails





# YP Policy & Practice

## Safe Virtual SLP Club Meetings

We advise programs to have at least 2-3 background checked adults (advisors or chaperones, etc.) participate in virtual programs, whether these are with small or large groups.

- Regardless if you have 30 youth or 5 youth, the recommendation would be to have **at least 2** adults if possible.

Having at least 2-3 adults discourages any inappropriate one-on-one engagement and can help hold the student members and the other advisors/chaperones accountable to the code of conduct or any other program guidelines.







# YP Policy & Practice

- **Transportation Best Practices**

- At least three people in a car
- Student(s) ride in the back seat/rows
- Approval required from parents/guardian
- Follow local school/local





# A – Accessible Training YP Policy

## Medication

- Possession of prescription and non-prescription medications should only be allowed with *written* permission from parent or guardian.







# Report Troubling Behaviors

If a Kiwanian observes troubling behavior involving a youth at a Kiwanis event or becomes aware of a situation that is illegal or potentially unsafe for a young person at a Kiwanis event or if the Kiwanian becomes aware of the troubling behavior after the event -



Kiwanian **must** immediately:

- Contact leaders of the event.
- Provide notification to law enforcement personnel as appropriate.
- All local, state, provincial and federal laws regarding reporting must be followed.





# Youth Protection Abuse Reporting Helpline

YOUTH PROTECTION HELPLINE 866-607-SAFE (7233)

- Kiwanis International launched dedicated Kiwanis Youth Protection Helpline
  - Staffed 24 hrs./7 days a week by trained professionals
  - Kiwanis SLP and adult members can report inappropriate behavior, abuse or policy violations
  - Calls then routed to Youth Protection team
  - Callers may remain anonymous.



# Kiwanis Background Checks







# Background Checks Process

- Kiwanis contracts with Safe Hiring Solution's – Safe Visitor online application portal.
- Individual email link is sent to email on file. *\*Check spam folder\**
- US\$25 processing fee – subsidized by KYP.
- Search county, state/provenance, national, federal criminal records
- Applications may process in 2-6 weeks ave. Submit weeks in advance of Key Club event
- Good for 2 years.
- Cleared dates are tracked and monitored for compliance.
- Direct bill club or SLP District accounts available





# Background Check online application portal



## Kiwanis International

Welcome to the approval process.

This registration process includes:

Information Collection  
Background Check Authorization

Please click the 'Next Step' button to start the process

Next Step →





# How to Get a Kiwanis Background Check

1. US Kiwanis secretaries can click on 'envelope' icon to generate an individual member link.
2. Canadian Kiwanis secretaries and members request local background/vulnerable service check hard copy and mail it to Kiwanis International to verify.
3. Caribbean/international Kiwanis secretaries and members can request individual links by emailing [backgroundchecks@Kiwanis.org](mailto:backgroundchecks@Kiwanis.org)

A screenshot of the Kiwanis Member Management web interface. The interface includes a left sidebar with icons for 'Members', 'Secretary Dashboard', 'Club Bylaws', 'Education', and 'Membership'. The main content area is titled 'Member Management' and includes tabs for 'Sec. Dashboard', 'Member Admin', 'Monthly Report', 'Annual Report', and 'Finances'. Below these are buttons for 'Excel Directory', 'Printable Directory', and 'New Member'. A paragraph explains the page's function. Below this are tabs for member status: 'All Active', 'Corporate', 'Honorary', 'Satellite', 'Former', 'Life Member', 'Spouse', and 'Multi Club'. There is also an 'Exclude Honorary Members' button. A 'Show' dropdown is set to '10' and a 'Search' field is present. A table lists members with columns for Name, Member ID, Email, Details, Edit, Delete, and Renew. The first member is Susan, and the second is Leon. The 'Background Check' link in the table is circled in red, and an 'envelope' icon in the 'Renew' column for Leon is also circled in red. Red arrows point from the 'Members' icon in the sidebar to the 'Member Admin' tab and from the 'envelope' icon to the 'Background Check' link.





# YP Compliance Data

## as of June 30, 2022

Categories of Data	# Number
All SLPs	8103
KI Sponsored SLPs	7613
KI Advisors on record	5160
KI Advisor background checked	4837
Completed annual training	2738
% Of SLPS sponsored by KI Club	94%
Clubs with KI advisor on record	68%
Advisors with KI Background check	94%
Total % of KI SLPs w BGC Advisor	64%
Annual Training	36%

North American SLPs  
Qtrly YP Compliance

Categories	06/2021	09/2021	12/2021	3/2022	6/30/22
All SLPs	8840	8091	8527	8222	<b>8103</b>
KI Sponsored SLPs	8405	7739	8016	7742	<b>7613</b>
KI Advisors on record	5380	5232	5354	5168	<b>5160</b>
KI Advisor background checked	5015	4602	4742	4742	<b>4837</b>
KI Sponsoring Clubs Completed annual YP training	2814	3180	1460	1857	<b>2738</b>
% Of SLPS sponsored by KI Club	95%	96%	94%	94%	<b>94%</b>
Clubs with KI advisor on record	61%	68%	67%	67%	<b>68%</b>
Advisors with KI Background check	93%	88%	89%	92%	<b>94%</b>
Total % of KI SLPs w BGC Advisor	60%	59%	59%	58%	<b>64%</b>
KI Sponsoring Clubs – Completed annual YP training	52%	61%	27%	24%	<b>36%</b>







# Working Toward the Future

Our goal is to reach & maintain  
100% background check  
compliance for advisors of all  
Kiwaniis Youth Programs.





# Background Checks & Beyond Tips for Club Success

Club secretaries should consistently monitor the background check status of their club's Kiwanis Advisors. This information lives in Kiwanis Connect.

Create a plan to replace Kiwanis Advisors, if needed.

Remind clubs they can budget annually for the \$25 expense. This may be taken from either the administrative or service account.



# Students Creating a Culture of Care in their CKI & Key Clubs







# C- Culture of Care

## What is Creating a Culture of Care?

- Kiwanis Culture of Care initiative provides students with training and resources to be leaders in their school in:
  - preventing bullying,
  - reducing incidences of violence,
  - understanding healthy relationships and
  - personal boundaries and more.







# Creating a Culture of Care

## Key Club Champions

- Partnered with Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking to develop student toolkit
- Curriculum toolkit to take back to local Key Club
- Key Club ICON training workshops
- GATC training workshops
- September – Suicide Prevention Month
- October – Bullying Prevention Month

### Culture of Care Workshops

Healthy Boundaries – Out of Bounds

You Talking to Me? Effective Peer Communication

Removing Blindfold: Bystander Intervention 101



# Culture of Care Online Training & Resources

- Key Club partnerships and training with Erika's Lighthouse
- CKI partnership and training with Active Minds
- Positive youth & young adult development resources



Key Club Instagram  
Social Posts



# KI Youth Protection Awareness Week

**October 10 – 14, 2022**

- Local clubs train club members on Youth Protection policy.
- Promote youth protection awareness in district newsletters.
- Club secretaries ensure sponsored SLP advisors are current on background checks.
- Spotlight student culture of care champions.
- Host virtual training webinars.





# Email inquiries & requests

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# Email inquiries & requests



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