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Ministry to Minors Policy Information Sheet

MOVEMENT

Minors to be defined as children under the age of 18.

In order to complete this ministry team, a national criminal background check must be submitted with your finished questionnaire. These background checks may be obtained from your state or local police for free or at little cost to you. There are also a number of internet based background checks available for a nominal cost.

Purpose

- To ensure the best environment for the growth of minors and to protect them from the devices of the devil.

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who trusts in me to lose faith, it would be better for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around the neck. (Matthew 18:6)

- To ensure the integrity of CMA and it's members

But be sure that everything is done properly and in order. (1 Corinthians 14:40)

Choose a good reputation over great riches, for being held in high esteem is better than having silver or gold. (Proverbs 22:1)

Plan

- All CMA members who are involved in ministry to minors (Children under the age of 18) must complete either the Children's or the Youth Ministry Team Training Course.
- All CMA members who are involved in ministry to minors must complete a national criminal background check.
- As a mechanism to ensure that all members who are working with minors have been checked, in order to complete the Children's and the Youth Ministry Team Training Courses, a **national criminal background** check must be submitted with the completed ministry team questionnaire.

Procedure

- National Criminal Background checks can be obtained from state police organizations and from companies that offer this service. Web-based background check services are quick and relatively inexpensive. There are many companies that offer online background check services, simply search "national criminal background check" and shop for the service that best meets your needs. (www.sentrylink.com is a reliable service that many continue to use.)
- Once a background check has been obtained it can be emailed to cmayouth@cmausa.org or directly mailed to CMA, ATTN: Background Check, P.O. Box 9, Hatfield, AR 71945.
- Once your background check has been received it will be processed and you will receive a letter in the mail together with a small silver ministry to minors sticker. This sticker should be applied to the back of your CMA membership card.



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As of January 2006 the CMA Handbook states:

Integrity in Ministering to Minors

CMA ministers to motorcyclists of all ages, and Youth and Children's Ministry is a growing sector of the ministry of CMA. Jesus welcomed the children on numerous occasions and cautioned those who would hurt them (Matthew 18:6). In order to protect children and the integrity of CMA and it's members, It is required that all CMA members who are involved in ministry to minors complete the CMA Ministry Team for Children or Youth. A National Criminal background check is required for completion of these ministry teams.

Ministry to Minors Policy Development Timeline

January 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangelists discuss the framework for the new policy • Made the decision to announce the policy at the October Leadership Conference.
June 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangelists discuss the specifics of the new policy and agree to move forward. • Evangelists agreed to an addition to the CMA Handbook that explains the policy.
Before October 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Teams Updated to reflect new policy demands. • Office Staff alerted to changes in policy • Heartbeat article written and approved to communicate the new policy. The article will appear in the January Heartbeat
October 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the leadership conference, the policy was announced and explained.
January 1, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry to Minors Policy begins. • All new Children's and Youth Ministry Teams ordered contain information on the background check policy. • Any Children's and Youth Ministry Team Questionnaires that are received without an accompanying background check are return with a letter communicating the policy. • January Heartbeat contains article communicating the policy.
January 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangelists discuss the best ways to communicate the policy to their state coordinators at their regional leadership conferences. • Evangelists received Leadership Reference Materials to give to their state coordinators which contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Video from Leadership Conference where the policy was explained ○ The newest edition of the CMA handbook in which the ministry to minors policy is official outlined.
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1300 Members have submitted their background checks and have received their ministry to minors approval sticker.

