

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONSENT FORM

I, _____, hereby authorize (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) and/or its agents and affiliates to make an independent investigation of my background and criminal or police records, including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records, for the purposes of confirming the information contained on my application and/or obtaining other information which may be material to my qualifications for a volunteer capacity with (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) or its affiliates, now and, if applicable, during the tenure of voluntary work with (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) or its affiliates.

I release (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) and/or its agents and affiliates and any person or entity, which provides information pursuant to this authorization, from any and all liabilities, claims, or law suits in regards to the information obtained from any and all of the above referenced sources which may be used.

The following is my true and complete legal name and all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

(Print Full Name)

(Maiden Name or Other Names Used)

(Current Address)

(How Long @ Address)

(City/State/Zip Code)

(Former Addresses - last 5 years)

(How Long @ each?)

* Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Driver's License No.

Telephone No.

Work No.

State of Driver's License

Signature

e-mail address

Date

Have you ever been convicted in court (other than for a traffic violation)

Yes _____ No _____

Are you currently accused of any crime in a court of law?

Yes _____ No _____

(If yes to either question, please explain by listing dates & locations on the back of this form.)

* Please note: The above information is required for identification purposes only and is in no way used as qualifications for a volunteer capacity.

APPLICATION and DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) and its affiliates or agents will not authorize or sanction in any of its programs that it directly controls, any volunteer who has routine access to children 18 years of age or less, who refuses to consent to be screened by the (Volunteer Association/Agency Name), prior to being accepted or approved for routine access to the children who take part in the (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) programs. (Massachusetts organizations: This requirement is pursuant to M.G.L. **ch. 6** section 172H, which became effective Feb. 25, 2003 and indicates that "...any organization primarily engaged in providing activities or programs to children 18 years of age or less that accepts volunteers, shall obtain all available criminal offender record information from the criminal history systems board prior to accepting any person as a volunteer...").

I have read and understand that a person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer for (Volunteer Association/Agency Name), if among other items, the person has:

- a. Been convicted (including crimes of which the record has been expunged and pleas of "no contest") of a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault or any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes, or controlled substances crimes;
- b. Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damage involving sexual or physical abuse of children;
- c. Been subject to any court order involving any sexual or physical abuse of a minor, including, but not limited to domestic order or protection;
- d. Had their parental rights terminated;
- e. Has history with another volunteer organization of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors;
- f. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position due to a complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors;
- g. Has a history of other behavior that indicates they may be a danger to children in the (Volunteer Association/Agency Name) program.

Do any of the above items apply to you? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain:

Signature

Date