

Faith Journey Church

Children & Family Volunteer Ministry Application

CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION POLICY

A. Policy Statement

Faith Journey Church is committed to providing a safe environment for all children and youth (meaning anyone under the age of 18, collectively referred to herein as “minors”) who participate in any ministry team sponsored by Faith Journey Church. Faith Journey Church also desires to protect adult leaders and those who work with minors from false accusations and suspicions.

B. Eligibility for Adult Workers

Adults who work in ministries involving minors must complete an application and be approved following the completion of the screening process detailed below.

Persons under the age of 18 will be allowed to work in ministries involving minors upon completion of an application and only when accompanied by an eligible adult worker.

C. The Approval Process

All persons who participate on any ministry team involving minors will:

1. Complete the Volunteer Ministry Application Form including a signed statement that the worker will abide by the Child Safety and Protection Policy.
2. Successfully complete an interview.
3. Be given approval by the Elders.

Additionally, all staff members and all adults who participate in regularly occurring ministries involving minors must also successfully pass a national criminal background check.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Gender: M / F

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

How long have you been attending? _____ FJC Church Member? Yes / No (circle one)

Status: Married / Single / Youth / Student (circle one)

Name of Spouse: _____

Names & Ages of Children: _____

Occupation: _____

Why are you applying: _____

PRIOR CHILDREN/YOUTH WORK

List all previous church and non-church work involving children/youth.

Organization: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Duties Performed: _____ Dates: _____

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List any gifts, calling, training, education or other factors that have prepared you for children or youth work:

CHURCH HISTORY

Church Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Attended from: _____ to: _____

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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Summarize how you came to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and what you do on a continual basis to keep yourself spiritually fresh and your faith vigorous.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

According to new Pennsylvania laws, we are now required to obtain the following clearances: State Criminal History, Child Abuse Clearance, and FBI Criminal History. If you have completed any of these clearances within the past 12 months, please submit to us whatever you have. Please follow the directions at the end of this document on how to obtain your clearances.

The information contained in this application and all background checks will be kept confidential, except for those that have a genuine need to know in order to carry out their responsibilities for or in Faith Journey Church, or as required by law.

Please answer the following question:

Are there any circumstances or patterns in your life which could make it inappropriate for you to serve with minors or would compromise the integrity of Faith Journey Church? Yes / No

YOUR COMMITMENT TO US

Yes or No - I agree to observe all church policies regarding working with children and youth.

Yes or No - I have received a copy of the Child Safety and Protection Guidelines and understand the reporting procedures.

Yes or No - I authorize FAITH JOURNEY CHURCH to use my background / clearance information as needed.

If you have any questions, please email the Elder board at faithjourneychurchelders@gmail.com or contact one of the Elders or the Elder Board Secretary.

Having completed this application, I will uphold and faithfully comply with the procedures of the Child Safety and Protection Guidelines.

Volunteer Signature: _____

Parent Signature if applicant is under 18 years of age: _____

Date: _____

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Acting as representatives for the FAITH JOURNEY CHURCH Elders/Staff, we commit to the following responsibilities:

1. Be available to provide loving support, encouragement and counsel.
2. Provide suitable supplies, environment and equipment.
3. Promote a shield of safety for both kids and volunteer staff.

Ministry Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

*Completed forms should be handed to the Ministry Leader.