



Child-Protection Policy

The Jeremiah Project desires a safe environment for all children and youth. To that end, the Jeremiah Project performs background checks on its entire staff that are 18 years and older. The Jeremiah Project also requires that each church complete thorough background checks on all of its adult leaders.

Background checks for each adult leader should include – at a minimum – the following:

- **State Criminal History**
- **Federal Criminal History**
- **National Criminal Sex Offender Registry (OFAC)**

These background checks must be completed through an agency the individual church deems reliable and trustworthy. We recommend that these background checks be completed through a reputable professional service provider such as the one suggested below. Churches are responsible for all costs associated with performing the aforementioned background checks.

- **ScreeningOne** - <http://www.vaumc.org/Children> in partnership with the Virginia Conference (UMC) and Safe Sanctuaries
- **Protect My Ministry** - <http://protectmyministry.com>

Additional Requirements:

1. Churches must provide, **no later than June 15, 2017** a letter from the senior pastor indicating that the background checks have been completed and are on file for all adult participants.
2. We expect that churches will secure additional screened adults to serve as alternate leaders in the event that one or more adult leaders are unable to participate at the last minute.
3. Adult leaders must have had a successful background check performed within the last five years.

This form must be signed and submitted within 10 days of submitting your online work camp registration. Church application will not be processed until this form is returned signed and dated.

I accept the terms of the **2017 Child-Protection Policy** of the Jeremiah Project.

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Signature of Senior or Associate Pastor Date

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Signature of Contact Person Date