

Taking Child Protection Off the Back-burner

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FOR REFLECTION

Part 1: Policy & Procedure Considerations

1. Which areas at your church do you feel are particularly at risk or in need of new or clearer policies & procedures?
2. Which areas do you feel best equipped to tackle?
3. Which areas are outside your gifting / wheelhouse?
4. Who at your church could you enlist to help (e.g. elder, admin, professional teacher, one with expertise/gifts in this area)?

Part 2: Creative Spaces

1. **Know Your Space:** Do you have a checklist to walk through your space before program?
2. **Know Who is in Your Space:** Do you have a plan to secure your Children's Ministry space? How do you identify your students, parents, staff and volunteers?
3. **Transparency of Space:** What are some ways your church can increase transparency of space for students in your church?
4. **Organization:** Do your families and volunteer team understand the flow of your space (ie drop off, pickup, washroom policy, where rooms are located, when rooms open and close, and where things are stored)? How might room signage, communication, and general bin organization help reach these goals?
5. **Communication:** How do you communicate to parents about your space? How do you communicate to volunteers?
6. **Emergency Planning:** What is your plan in the event of: a missing child, fire, flood, hydro outage, bad weather, intruder, or medical event? Does your church leadership know those plans? Do you have a bin of emergency supplies (ie first aid kit, pylons, rope, flashlights etc) located in an easily accessible location?



MY NEXT STEP _____



Child Safety Resource Webpage

- sample child protection policies
- list of recommended books
- background check & safety vendors

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