

Readiness Checklist/Assessment

- 1) Is there an accountability plan for sex offenders?
Yes No
- 2) Is there an oversight team to supervise, monitor, and/or chaperone a sex offender who is attending and participating in the faith community?
Yes No
- 3) Does your faith community do criminal history background checks on staff?
Yes No
- 4) Does your faith community do criminal history background checks on volunteers?
Yes No
- 5) Does your faith community regularly inform members about policies on safety and accountability?
Yes No
- 6) Does your faith community train staff and volunteers on how to handle a report of abuse?
Yes No
- 7) Do children know who they can talk to if they are uncomfortable or concerned about a situation in which they find themselves? (situations involving acquaintances, friends or family members)
Yes No
- 8) Does your faith community have a list of expectations and guidelines for people who have a criminal sexual offense and are part of the faith community?
Yes No
- 9) Does your faith community provide education that talks about grooming tactics and risks?
Yes No
- 10) Does each person with a criminal sexual offense who is part of the faith community have a safety plan that is specific to that individual?
Yes No

Scoring:

If you answered no to any one of the questions, your church may not be prepared to welcome those with a criminal sexual offense to participate in the life of your congregation. You may have the willingness; yet more work needs to be done to be fully prepared.