

First Baptist Church
Plainview, Texas

Preschool/Elementary/Youth
Volunteer Worker Application

The disturbing and traumatic rise of physical and sexual abuse of children has claimed the attention of our nation and society. The following policies reflect our commitment to provide protective care of all children, youth, and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities.

1. Adults who have been convicted of either child sexual or physical abuse should not volunteer service in any church sponsored activity or program for children or youth.
2. Adult survivors of childhood sexual or physical abuse need the love and acceptance of this church family. Individuals who have such a history should discuss their desire to work with children or youth with one of the ministerial staff prior to engaging in any volunteer service.
3. All adult volunteers working with youth or children are required to be members of First Baptist Church of Plainview for a minimum of six months.
4. Adult volunteers should observe the "two adult" rule. This requires that adults are never alone with children or youth without an adult partner.
5. Adult volunteers should immediately report any behaviors which seem abusive or inappropriate to their supervisor.

Please answer each question. Your response will be kept fully confidential.

1. As a church volunteer, do you agree to observe all church policies regarding working with youth or children?
_____ Yes
_____ No
2. Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime? (non-traffic related)
_____ Yes
_____ No
3. Were you a victim of abuse or molestation while a minor?
_____ Yes
_____ No

If you prefer, you may refuse to answer this question, or you may discuss your answer in confidence with a minister rather than answering it on the form. Answering yes, or leaving the question unanswered will not automatically disqualify and applicant for children or youth work.

I have read the above policy and agree to observe the safeguards listed.

Signature

Date

Please print name