Chesapeake Conference
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

CHILD PROTECTION PLAN

LOCAL CHURCH IMPLEMENTATION

STEP #1 - Organize and appoint the Volunteer Service Committee.*

STEP #2 - Review with the Volunteer Service Committee the Chesapeake Conference Child Protection Policy and Procedures document.

STEP #3 - Select the Verified Volunteers Level 2 Administrator(s) and complete the Verified Volunteers administrator's training through the Chesapeake Secretariat department.

STEP #4 - Utilizing the "Protecting Our Children" Power Point and "Predator at the Door" video, present the Child Protection Plan to the local church board for approval and implementation.

STEP #5 - Announce to the church the adoption of the new Child Protection Plan and that your church will be a safe place for children and that church leaders will be proactive in preventing child abuse.

STEP #6 - Conduct a Child Protection Plan Orientation Session for all ministry volunteers working with children and youth at the church. Explain the new Child Protection Plan and outline the Code of Conduct that will be expected of all adults who work with children and youth.

STEP #7 - Explain the Verified Volunteers online registration process, training courses, and background screening requirements. Require all current and new church employees and volunteers who work with children and youth to participate in the Verified Volunteers program. Encourage all ministry leaders to set the example by being the first to register and complete the Verified Volunteers program.

STEP #8 - Monitor the results of the implementation of the Child Protection Plan by reviewing Verified Volunteers compliance reports and share the results with your ministry leaders, pastor, and church board.

STEP #9 - Watch your church become a pro-active safe place where children are truly valued and supported with Christ-centered ministry.

* Churches may decide to have the church board serve as the Volunteer Service Committee.