

One-on-One Mentoring Parental Waiver

I _____, parent of mentee _____, who is _____ years of age, verify that I have both read and understood the provisions of AB506.

I understand that Stars conducts thorough backgrounds checks on all volunteers who work with youth, and that these background checks include live scan fingerprinting submitted for clearance to the Department of Justice, as well as a review of driving records from the DMV and proof of auto insurance.

I understand also that the mentors must complete mentor training and that all Stars staff members must complete State approved mandated reporter training.

I am aware that my child's mentor _____ has undergone and satisfactorily cleared all background checks, and therefore I give permission for my child and her/his mentor to meet independently one-on-one.

Parent Signature: _____

Print full name: _____

California Assembly Bill 506

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 18975) is added to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 2.9. Youth Service Organizations

18975.

(a) An administrator, employee, or regular volunteer of a youth service organization shall complete training in child abuse and neglect identification and training in child abuse and neglect reporting. The training requirement may be met by completing the online mandated reporter training provided by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the State Department of Social Services.

(b) An administrator, employee, or regular volunteer of a youth service organization shall undergo a background check pursuant to Section 11105.3 of the Penal Code to identify and exclude any persons with a history of child abuse.

(c) A youth service organization shall develop and implement child abuse prevention policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, both of the following:

(1) Policies to ensure the reporting of suspected incidents of child abuse to persons or entities outside of the organization, including the reporting required pursuant to Section 11165.9 of the Penal Code.

(2) Policies requiring, to the greatest extent possible, the presence of at least two mandated reporters whenever administrators, employees, or volunteers are in contact with, or supervising, children.

(d) Before writing liability insurance for a youth service organization in this state, an insurer may request information demonstrating compliance with this section from the youth service organization as a part of the insurer's loss control program.

(e) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Regular volunteer" means a volunteer with the youth service organization who is 18 years of age or older and who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year.

(2) "Youth service organization" means an organization that employs or utilizes the services of persons who, due to their relationship with the organization, are mandated reporters pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 11165.7 of the Penal Code.