

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

We, the Killeen SDA Church, are committed to providing an environment to help our members learn about God's love and believe and follow Jesus Christ. Because children are one of our most valuable gifts, our goal is to maintain a safe, secure, loving place where children may grow, and where those who care for them may administer to their needs in responsible ways.

Toward this end, we have developed a Child Protection Program. This program is designed to create a safer environment for our children and our ministries through awareness, training, managing, and supporting. Each member of our church family is a part of protecting our children, youth, and volunteers through the following activities:

- Children's/Youth Leaders - selecting, training, implementing, managing.
- Volunteers - training in preventing, recognizing, responding, reporting.
- Pastors and Church Leaders - ministering and supporting.
- Parents and Church family - awareness, protection, and preventing.

For more information about our Child Protection Program, click on the following tabs:

- Child Protection Program - Killeen SDA Church Child Protection Policy, General Conference of SDA Church Statement on Child Abuse
- Parents Tab - Guide for Protecting Children, What Parents Need to Know
- Volunteer Tab - Getting Started, Application Form, Reference Form, & Volunteer Code-of-Conduct
- Helpful links - "Online Help Center at Stop-It-Now, Darkness-to-Light 7-Steps, Kids Peace

Protecting our children and youth is of the greatest importance because a child's trust affects their future and their relationship with God. Therefore, we want to be proactive in implementing policies and practices that reduce the risk to our children, youth, and volunteers.

If you are struggling with questions about child sexual abuse, the "Online Help Center" at www.stopitnow.com gives you the specialized information, guidance and support you need to take action.

If you, or someone you know, are a survivor of abuse, please take the opportunity to get professional support and guidance for your recovery. It's never too late to begin the process of recovery. It's time to heal, resolve, and forgive so you can experience life full of hope, trust, and love.

If you have ever committed abuse against a child or youth, please get professional help. You can access the confidential Helpline (1.888.PREVENT) for guidance from professional staff, specialized treatment options, and a prevention and safety plan to protect other children/youth.

Thank you for caring for our children, protecting them, and creating a safer environment for all who enter our doors.

In His Service,

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Church Family Letter

KILLEEN SDA CHURCH

The Killeen Seventh-day Adventist Pastoral Staff and Church Board