

PROTECTION OF MINORS OFFICE **NEWSLETTER**

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Summer Reminders

- Youth Programs should be registered no later than 30 days prior to their start.
- Remember minors must be within sight and sound of a trained individual at all times! Plan lunches, evenings, and transition times accordingly.

Background Check Funds

If you would like to conduct a youth-serving program but need funding for background checks, please complete [this form](#).

Incident Reports

Log into the [Youth Protection Portal](#) to complete this form for any incidents occurring during a youth program, including behavioral incidents, contagious illnesses, reports to Police or CPS, medical treatments beyond first aid, vehicle collisions involving minor participants, or other unexpected occurrences or program concerns.

Youth Protection in the News

- New Jersey legislators introduce bill to mandate annual background checks for all youth sports coaches ([Source](#)).
- Columbia University report lists weaknesses in chaperone staffing, training, and policies; obstacles to reporting misconduct; and failure to respond to reports of misconduct as factors leading to the continuation of abuse by a former university and hospital doctor ([Source](#)).
- Meta ordered to pay \$375 million for violating New Mexico laws by failing to safeguard minors from child predators on their apps ([Source](#)).



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