

BALDWIN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
VOLUNTEER ABUSE AWARENESS AGREEMENT

I have read and understand Baldwin Christian Reformed Child Protection Policy and support the efforts of the congregation to make this church a safe place for children. To this end, I agree with and pledge to abide by the following statements:

1. If I've been involved in an allegation of child abuse within the past year, I will refrain from youth activities until the allegation is resolved.
2. If I have been convicted of either sexual or physical abuse I will not volunteer my services in any church sponsored activity or program for the children, or the youth. If I have been so convicted, I will volunteer for other areas of service in the church. I agree to disclose all previous criminal convictions involving physical or sexual child abuse.
3. If I am a survivor of childhood sexual or physical abuse I will need the love and acceptance of this church family, therefore I will discuss my desire to work with children or youth with one of the pastoral staff prior to engaging in any volunteer work.
4. I am aware of situations in which I am putting myself at risk of being accused of inappropriate actions or putting a child at risk of being abused. In addition, I will take measures to avoid such situations, such as having more than one adult present whenever feasible or providing visual access to the room. I will participate in abuse awareness education opportunities the church provides.
5. I will keep cognizant of the activities of children and adults in the church, follow established reporting procedures and cooperate in resolving any alleged incident of abuse that may arise.
6. I will provide two character references and previous church membership information before being approved for working with children. References will be kept on file. I will not regard this as an insult, but welcome it in order to help keep Baldwin Christian Reformed Church a safe place for children.

My signature on this form indicates my agreement with the Child Protection Policy and the above statements, and my pledge to abide by them. If this is my first year to volunteer at Baldwin Christian Reformed Church, the names and addresses of those references and previous church information are listed on the back of this sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____