# CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION CHILD PROTECTION

# RESOURCES

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At the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, we understand that our greatest responsibility is to keep kids safe from sexual predators. With this in mind, CRSF has developed a first-of-its-kind tool kit for any organization in America seeking help in this area, and it is being offered at minimal to no cost to all who register on our resource portal. Our primary goal is to keep children safe from those who seek to harm them.

Here is what we are now offering:

- Model Child Protection Policy, gold standard policy, easily adaptable for any organization serving youth
- 2. Affordable & Effective National Criminal Background Checks
- **3.** Online Child Protection Training Portal, including credible, substantive training videos
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#### MODEL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

We have developed a template child protection policy for any organization to adopt as their own, should they choose to do so. A strong policy is the first step in protecting both the children and the organization itself, and most organizations fail in this area. What we are offering is a comprehensive policy built around the following four critical areas: **COMPLIANCE • BACKGROUND SCREENING • TRAINING • REPORTING** 

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#### AFFORDABLE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Recognizing that background checks can be cost prohibitive to many organizations, CRSF has partnered with First Advantage, formerly LexisNexis, to ensure that our partners and affiliates have the ability to access comprehensive background checks at an extremely affordable price. Background screening is simply the first, albeit important, line of defense, and many providers offer flawed or outdated data, which results in unreliable screening. We will monitor First Advantage, and any other company we work with to ensure continued credibility. Organizations can set up an account for a one-time \$50 fee.

For \$12.45 per check, the following is included:

- Social Security Number Verification
- Felony and Misdemeanor Screen
- Sex Offender Screen State
- National Criminal File Screen

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## CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING PORTAL

In addition to the items discussed above, and perhaps the most important tool we offer is a resource portal that offers access to an online Child Safety Training program designed to educate those working with youth on the dangers of sexual predators and strategies to increase child safety. This series covers how sexual predators operate, creating an organizational child protection policy, background screening, training staff and volunteers, and proper response and reporting. There is also an extended online training with the country's foremost child safety expert, Sharon Cooper, MD.

