

# 2012 Little League Program



## DA PRESENTATION





# ***ASAP:*** **Making an Impact for Little League**

***A Safety Awareness Program  
of Little League Baseball® and Softball***

Why ASAP?



## **The ASAP Mission:**

To increase awareness of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for kids and all Little League participants

## Why ASAP?



### Awards, Incentives, Recognition

- League cash award rewards safety
  - \$621,718 given to Leagues in 2011
  - \$61,250 given to DA's (\$350 or \$150)
  - Over \$3 million given to Leagues in all
- Musco Lighting system, World Series trip, cash awards, and *ASAP News*
- Musco, Chartis contribute over \$1 million annually supporting safety awareness

Where we're from...



## Focus on Safety

- **Began in '94 from focus groups**
- **District Administrators: Awareness, not mandated rules, was needed**
- **Raise awareness of safety issues for leagues to create own approaches**
- **Virginia volunteered to be Pilot Program for ASAP**
- **LLB's injuries were level**
- **Founders believed program would have positive impact**
- **Founders wanted to create safer playing environment for all**

Where we're from...



## ASAP Goes Mainstream

- **DA's must match national ASAP participation for Board eligibility**
- **DA's must have a DSO and 50% league participation for re-election**
- **Adopted in 1995, reaffirmed at each Congress since**
- **Districts are requiring ASAP for Special Games run by District and for hosting District/State/Division/Regional Tournaments**
- **In 2010, the Little League International Board made the ASAP program mandatory for hosting Tournaments above the district level.**

# ASAP Takes Shape



**1998 San Antonio Congress –  
*ASAP Developing*  
18% Participation**



**2001 Ottawa Congress – *ASAP  
Mainstream Program*  
38% Participation**



**2004 Virginia Beach Congress  
58% Participation**



**2007 Houston Congress  
71% Participation**



**2010 Lexington, KY Congress  
85% Participation**





## ASAP Makes a Difference

- Fewer injuries to kids/all participants
- Reduces severity of injuries by 79%
- Participation in ASAP has grown steadily over the years (87% in 2011)
- Reduces insurance costs
  - A.S.A.P. award based on size of league's player accident insurance premium
  - State premium reductions:
    - 1 state in 2001
    - 7 states in 2002 (plus additional benefits)
    - 50 states in 2003

# District Administrators' Impact



## DA's, States Leading Safety Effort

- West Virginia's DA's Lead Nation
  - 2004 to 2010 100%
- **West Virginia is first state to 100%!**
- 2006: Maryland & Oregon join W.V. at **100%**
- 2007: Oregon and Delaware hit **100%**
- 2008: West Virginia, Delaware, Oregon, Rhode Island, Montana, Wyoming – all **100%**
- 2009: West Virginia, Delaware, Rhode Island, Virginia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon & Wyoming – all **100%**
- 2010: West Virginia, Wyoming, Oregon – all **100%**
- **100%** in 2011: Oregon, Wyoming, Virginia, Delaware, Florida, & Alaska



Who will be *NEXT*?

# District Administrators' Impact



**2011 US National ASAP Participation: 87%**

**2010 US National ASAP Participation: 86%**

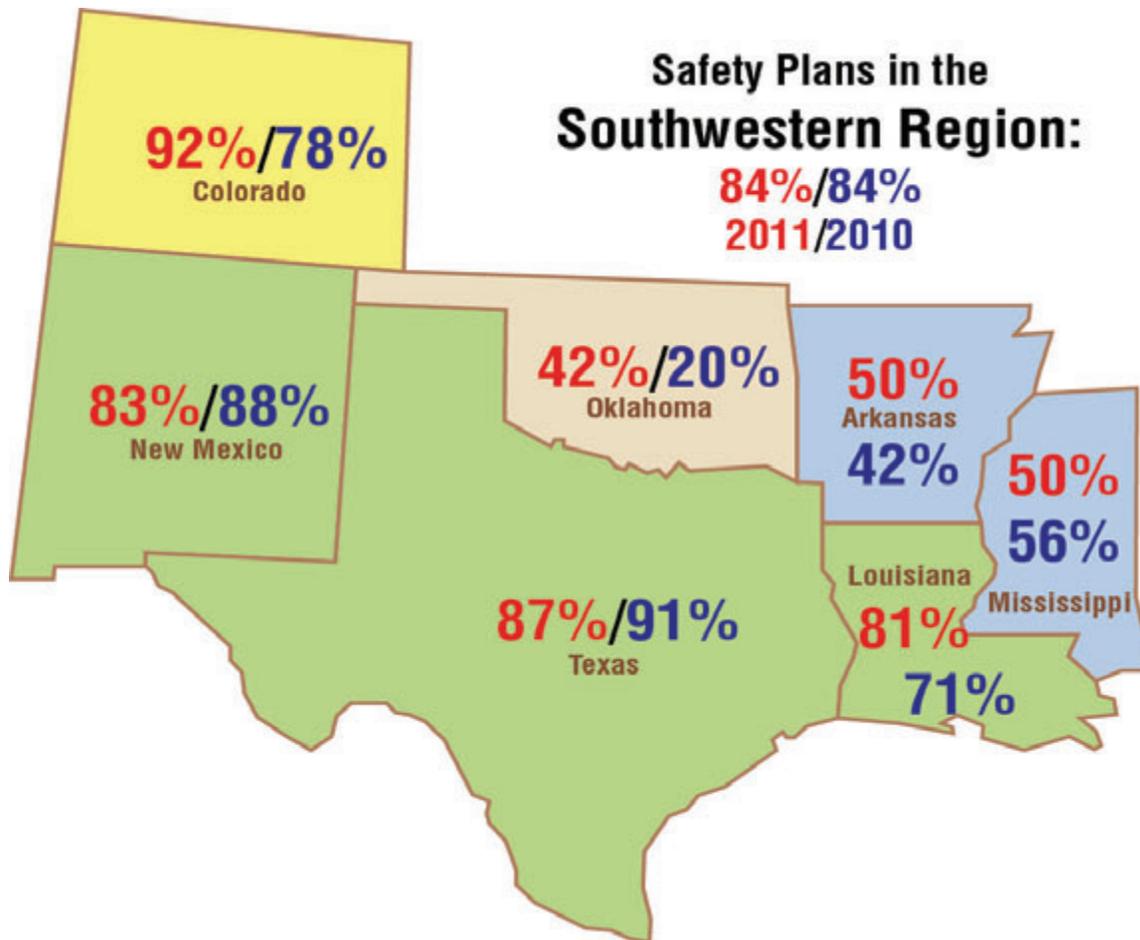
*Is Your State Doing Its Part to Help Raise Safety Awareness?*



# District Administrators' Impact



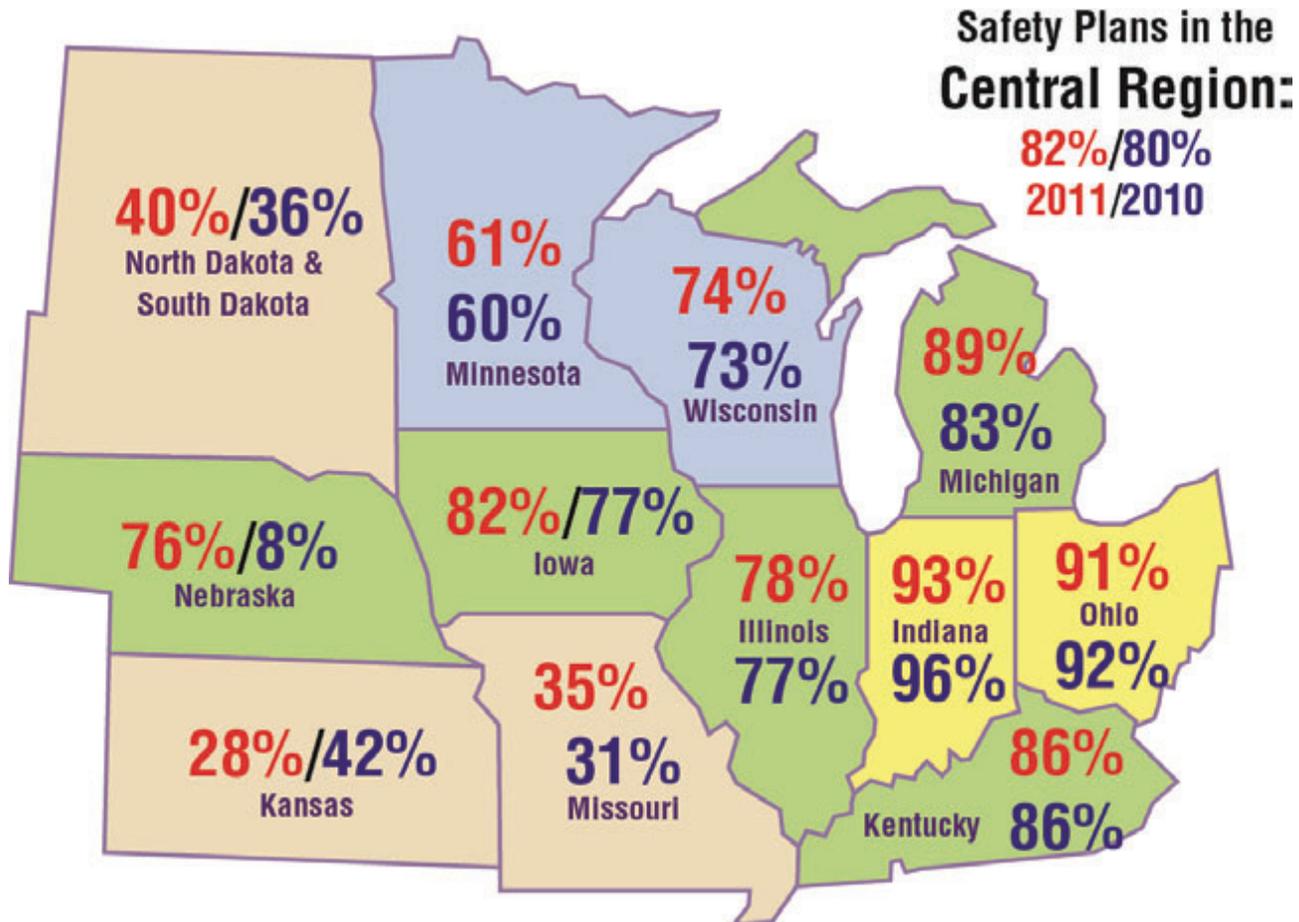
## Southwestern Region at 84%



# District Administrators' Impact



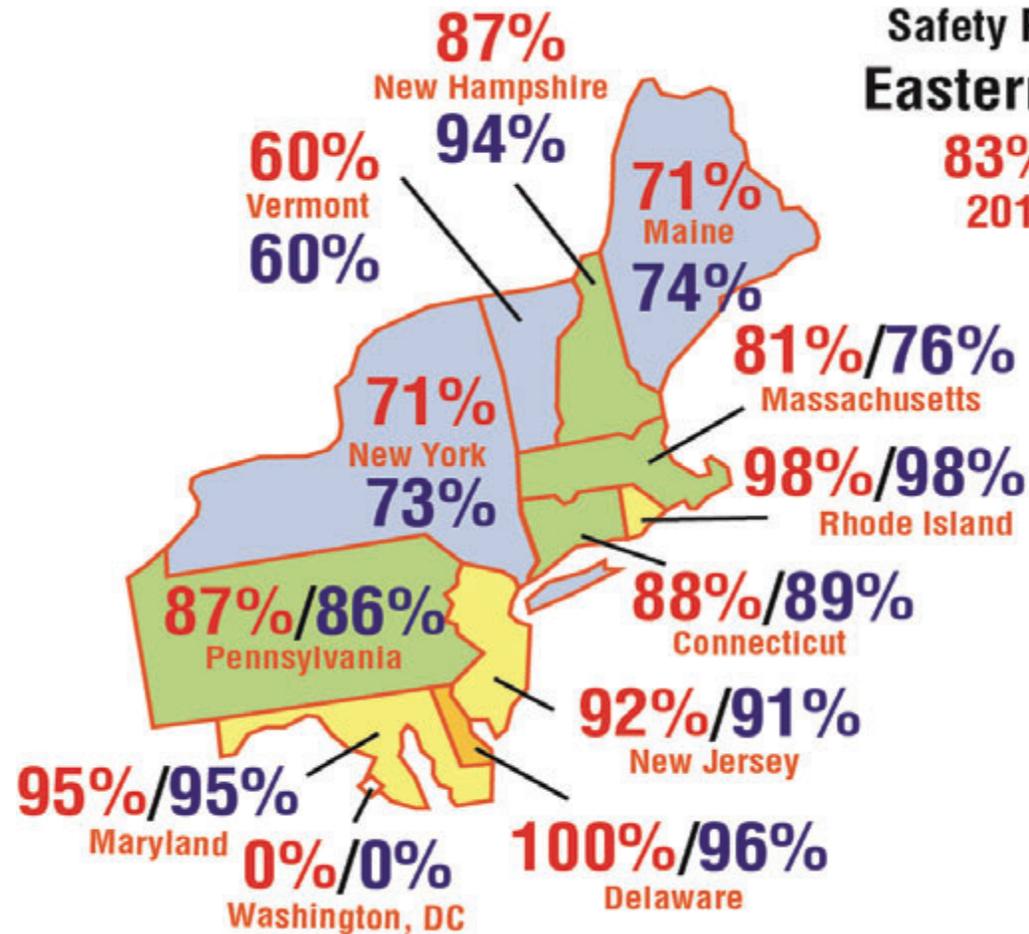
## Central Region at 82%



# District Administrators' Impact



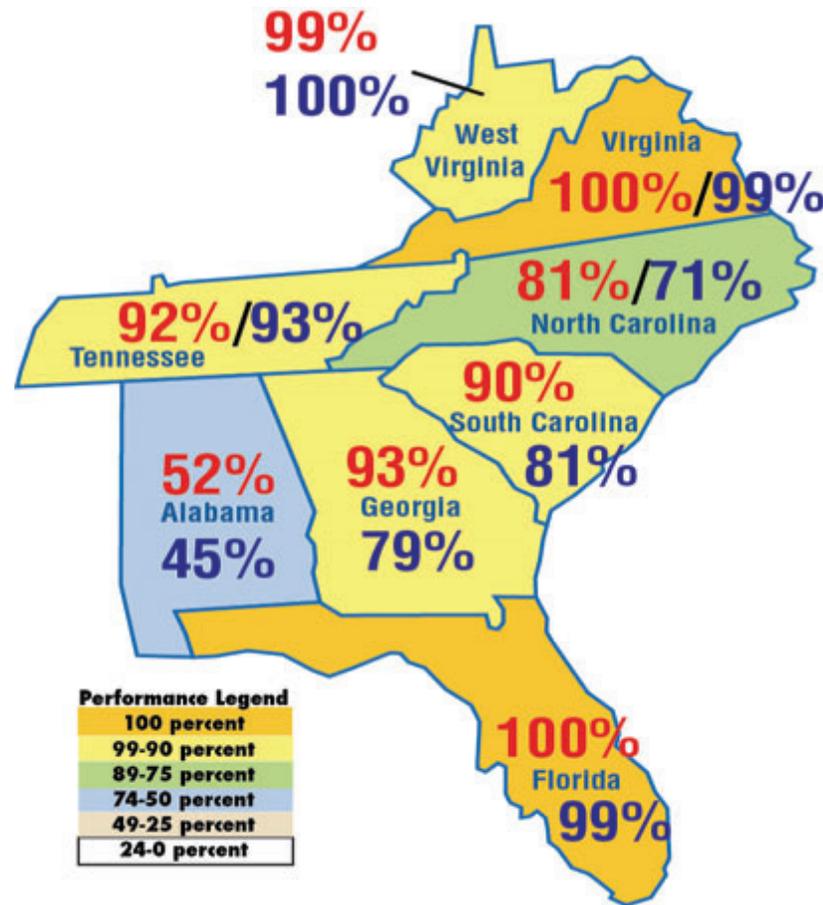
Eastern  
Region  
at 83%



# District Administrators' Impact



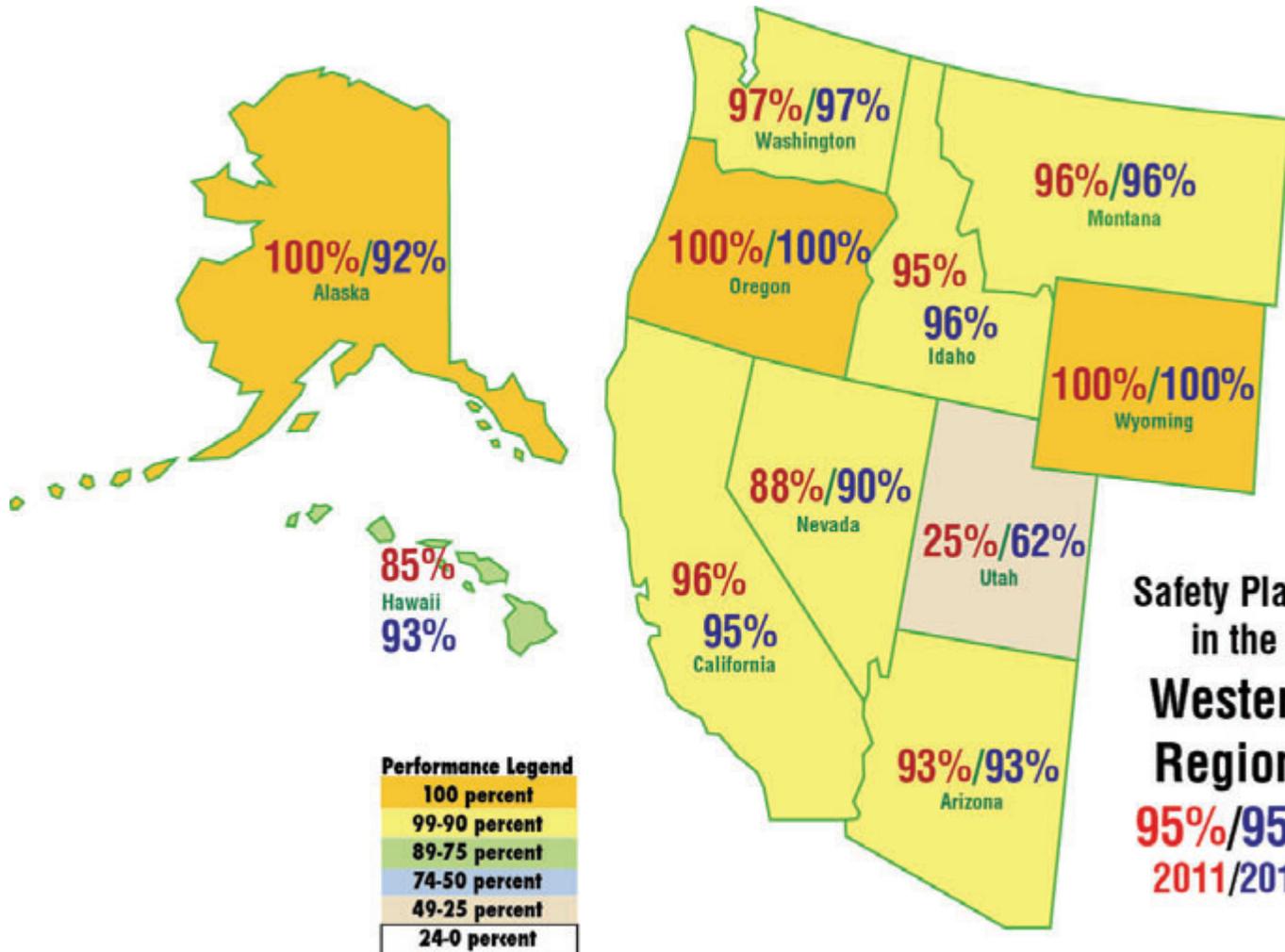
Southeast  
Region at 95%



Safety Plans in the  
Southeastern  
Region:  
**95%/93%**  
2011/2010



# District Administrators' Impact



Western Region at 95%

Safety Plans in the Western Region:  
95%/95%  
2011/2010

**Performance Legend**

100 percent
99-90 percent
89-75 percent
74-50 percent
49-25 percent
24-0 percent



## Reminder:

- **To be considered for the Little League Board of Directors, a DA must meet or exceed the national ASAP participation level in his/her District (87% in 2011)**
- **To be considered for re-election district must have participation of 50% or more of it's leagues in ASAP**
- **Must have a district safety officer on file at Little League International**



## How YOU Can Help

- **Make it mandatory to implement safety programs at District level**
  - **No Home District All Star games without plans**
  - **No Special Games/Tournament of Champions Games without safety plans**
  - **East Region is already implementing a version of this requirement for Leagues there**
  - **2010 – ASAP program mandatory for tournaments above the district level.**



## How YOU Can Help

- **Track League's safety plan activities**
  - **Involve DSO with submission process to review and assist Leagues**
  - **Keep District copies of League safety plans**
  - **Track submissions online at:**  
[www.littleleague.org/programs/asap/plans.asp](http://www.littleleague.org/programs/asap/plans.asp)



## How YOU Can Help

- **Encourage Other DA's and Leagues to get non-participating Leagues to implement safety plans**
- **Promote ASAP at State level to become the next 100% State**

Making it 'Safer for the Kids'

## Rule Changes Enhancing Safety



- **New in 2007** – The minimum requirement is a NATIONAL check of ALL Sex Offender Registries.
- **Little League Volunteer Application Form use is required for background checks**
  - Required to conduct checks for all managers, coaches, Board of Directors members, league officials, umpires, elected members, and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or has with repetitive access to , or contact with players or teams



# Background Checks

- In addition to meeting the minimum requirement of checking the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Registry, ([www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov)) Little League strongly encourages all leagues to also utilize the national criminal records search available through the Little League website. This additional criminal records check may provide additional important information regarding the criminal records of individuals whose crimes do not require that they be listed on a sex offender registry. For example, convictions for assault, battery, theft or drug offenses would not result in a report to sex offender registry.
- Information on how to utilize this benefit, as well as how to conduct background checks, can be found on the Little League website at <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/programs/childprotection.htm>.

Making it 'Safer for the Kids'



## **LexisNexis Background Checks Raise Bar on Safety**

- ***125 FREE Supplemental*** background checks per League & District, paid for by Little League International.
- **Criminal records: sex crimes that are Not on the sex offender registries; various types of felonies & misdemeanors**
- **Only \$1 per background check after free 125**

# Requirements



## 4. Volunteer Application & Background Checks

- One Volunteer Application available. Social Security Number mandatory upon request and for LexisNexis.
- In 2009, Little League International increased free checks available from 80 to 125 for each league and district through LexisNexis.
  - Consult LLB Operating Manual & Website
  - Use of Little League Volunteer Application Form is required for key individuals – manager, coaches, league officials, elected members, per Reg. 1 (c) 8, 9



## 4. Volunteer Application & Background Checks

- **Background checks help kids**
- **Just asking applicants to fill out form may eliminate problems**

Little League International currently provides each league with access to 125 free Supplemental criminal background checks per year. Due to the refusal of *several states that only provide access to historical sex offender registry record data*, the **LexisNexis Supplemental National Criminal File database no longer meets the minimum requirements of the Little League regulations**. National Sex Offender Registry, ([www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov))



## 4. Volunteer Application & Background Checks

- If a league learns of an individual such as a volunteer, player or hired worker that has been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a crime involving or against a minor, then the league must inform the applicable government agency for confirmation. Once confirmed, that individual may not participate with Little League **in any manner. No Exceptions.**



## Background Checks

- Live Scan check in California make sure it is a National check NOT just a state check
- Massachusetts must do 2 background checks, a CORI plus a national check. The CORI check only checks state data bases.
- Any national check must include ALL 50 states' Sex Offender Registries.



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[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)





# Family Trusted Child ID

## The Need

- 1% of U.S. children go missing each year
- Every second counts to locate a missing child

## The Solution – Family Trusted Child ID

- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Provider of Online Child IDs
- Upload children's photos and enter data at any time
- Parent controls changes and new photos
- Unique security system
- Instant worldwide accessibility in an emergency
- Simple emergency instructions
- Missing child flyer
- Handles all legal forms

**Emergency**

To save data on this page, please click "Continue to Next Step"

Report your missing child to the police. Before the police will be able to search for your child, you must provide the following information:

Police Case Number: [input field]

Local Police Office: [input field]

Police Office Address: [input field]

County: [input field]

City: [input field]

State/Province: [input field]

Zip/Postal Code: [input field]

Police Phone Number: [input field]

Police Fax Number: [input field]

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**MISSING CHILD ALERT**

**Name:** [input field]

**Birth Date:** [input field]

**Height:** [input field]

**Date of Birth:** [input field]

**Sex:** [input field]

**Age:** [input field]

**Wears Glasses?** [input field]

**Wears Glasses?** [input field]

**Height:** [input field]

**Weight:** [input field]

**Missing Since:** [input field]

**Location Last Seen:** [input field]

**Special Information:** [input field]

**Special Instructions:** [input field]

**The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**  
1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-643-5678)



# Fund Raising Program

## Annual Fund Raising Option

- Goal of International is for all U.S. Leagues to be aware of this program
- Local League incorporates \$20 into each player's participation fee
  - “Suggested \$20 Child Safety Fee” if no participation fee charged
  - Coaches, umpires and others may also participate
- Local League purchases accounts for \$10 per player/participant
- Buy accounts at [www.LittleLeague.childid.com/order](http://www.LittleLeague.childid.com/order)

## Parent, Grandparent or Other Individual Who Participates Gets

- 2 cards per player or other participant
- 1 card = 1 Child ID account
  - Account is for a family of up to 10 children until youngest child is 18
- Extra cards for relatives, friends, neighbors
  - Not just for the player's or other participant's family – a community service

## How You Can Help



### Set a Goal:

- Maintain existing participation level
- Improve District participation \_\_\_% (if not at 100%)
- Check on Implementation of Plans

### Implement It:

- Communicate goals to Leagues
- Support Leagues' implementation
  - *Name District safety staff to help follow-up on submitted plans*
  - *Help Leagues develop safety plans*

How You Can Help



## Increase Participation

- **Communicate League Incentives**
  - *Make it 'Safer for the Kids'*
  - *A.S.A.P. award based on 15% of league's Chartis Player Accident Insurance*
  - *Ideas recognition in ASAP News*
  - *\$500 to top two plans in Region*
  - *Trip to LL World Series for top plan in each Region*
  - *Musco lighting system for Nat'l Winner*

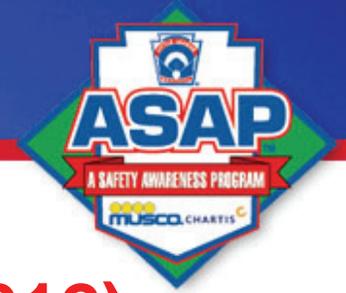
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## Make It 'Safer for the Kids'

- **Awarding District support**
  - ***50%+ earns ASAP personalized cap***
  - ***75%+ earns Disney characters pin sets***
  - ***90%+ earns ASAP Bulova watch***
- **Awards Breakfast at Little League World Series**
- **District Early Entry Incentive for plan approved by March 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. Plans should be submitted as early as January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## How You Can Help



### ... And Earn Incentives **(NEW criteria in 2012)**

- **Districts reaching 87% or greater received and approved by March 13th receive \$350 credit**
- **Districts reaching 70-86% participation by March 13th receive \$150 credit**
- **District awards are granted regardless of previous level of achievement**
- **\$61,250 awarded in 2011**



## **DSO's Role:**

- Help leagues develop plans**
- Explain requirements, benefits**
  - Meet with leagues on regular basis as resource, planning aid**
- Review safety plans each year**
  - Keep copy of leagues' plans for future need, such as turn-over**
- Serve as link to DA on safety**
- Develop District Safety Plan**



## Districts raise the bar

- **Require safety plan to host/ participate in Special Games**
- **Provide training opportunities at District level to help leagues meet requirements**
  - **First Aid training**
  - **Hold regular District safety meetings**
  - **District training by division of managers & coaches**



## Minimum Required

- Encourage Leagues to start thinking about safety
- Encourage Leagues to go PASSED basic requirements
- Emphasize improving each year
- Volunteer Application Form and background checks with photo ID are required
- Social Security number mandatory upon request or with LexisNexis



## Work with DSO

- **Require safety plans to participate in/host Special Games (Reg. IX)**
- **Create District safety resources: Give District best safety awards**
- **Create District safety plan to help leagues develop, implement own safety plans**



## 13 Requirements for Safety

- 1. Have an active Safety Officer
- 2. Publish, distribute safety manual
- 3. Post, distribute emergency #'s
- 4. Check volunteers on national SOR
- 5. Provide fundamentals training
- 6. Provide first-aid training
- 7. Require field inspections before use



## 13 Requirements for Safety

- 8. Complete annual Facility Survey
- 9. Use concession stand procedures
- 10. Regularly inspect, replace equipment as needed
- 11. Have prompt accident reporting
- 12. Require first-aid kits at events
- 13. Enforce all LLB rules

# Little League Volunteer Application



Social Security Number “Mandatory” upon request and for LexisNexis

**Little League, Volunteer Application - 2012**  
Do not use forms from past years. Use extra paper to complete if additional space is required.

**A COPY OF VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security # (mandatory upon request or with LexisNexis) \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Special professional training, skills, hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Community affiliations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and year): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children in the program? Yes  No  If yes, list full name and what level? \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Certification (CPR, Medical, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes  No   
Driver's License#: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any crime(s)? Yes  No   
If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth programs? Yes  No   
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

In which of the following would you like to participate? (Check one or more.)  
League Official  Coach  Umpire  Field Maintenance   
Manager  Scorekeeper  Concession Stand  Other

Please list three references, at least one of which has knowledge of your participation as a volunteer in a youth program.  
Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries, child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Little League is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Board of Directors for violation of Little League policies or principles.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
If Minor/Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (please print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

**Local League Use Only:**  
Background check completed by league officer \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_

System(s) used for background check (minimum of one must be checked):  
Sex Offender Registry  Criminal History Records  \*LexisNexis

\*Please be advised that if you use LexisNexis and there is a name match in the few states where only name match searches can be performed you should notify volunteers that they will receive a letter directly from LexisNexis in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act containing information regarding all the criminal records associated with the name, which may not necessarily be the league volunteer.

**Only attach to this application copies of background check reports that reveal convictions of this application.**

2012 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION 001



**With Your Help,  
ASAP Is STILL Making it  
'Safer for the Kids'**



**THANK YOU!**

