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Background Screening and Prevention Training Resources for Projects Involving Minors

To aid in the safeguarding of minors involved in U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)–funded youth-centered programs, we have identified two relevant training programs that are available free of charge through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)–funded National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC): (1) Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth-Serving Organizations and (2) Rethinking Sexual Violence Prevention: Innovations With Bystanders, The Internet, and Youth Serving Organizations. These programs are accessible via the NCAC Virtual Training Center (www.nationalcac.org); you can search the training program by name from the home page.

The COPS Office has worked with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to update the publication titled *What You Need to Know About Background Screening* (<https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/resourcecenter?item=COPS-P260>). This publication addresses the importance of background screening, the range of screening options available to organizations, and best practices in conducting background screening and acting upon the results.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov or 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.