

Cornerstone Church is committed to the protection of our kids and families. Members of our team and individuals from our community have collaborated on a plan to address our safety needs and ensure that our practices and procedures provide the safest environment possible.

Steps We Have Taken:

- Formed “Safety Protocol” Committee
- Reviewed Background Check Process
- Enhanced Pastor Accountability
- Hosted “Meet the Leaders” Student Family Night
- Reviewed existing NextGen Safety Guidelines and Handbook and identified needed revisions
- Applied for Membership with the Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention (ECAP)
- Scheduled “Recognizing and Preventing Grooming and Abuse” parents training for December 9th ([link below](#))
- Scheduled Abuse Prevention Class for Cornerstone Students (with the Illinois State Police)

In Process:

- Updating NextGen Handbook and Acknowledgment Page
- Forming ECAP Accreditation Team
- Reviewing NextGen Environments
- Scheduling Abuse Prevention Classes for Cornerstone Kids (with the Illinois State Police)

Near Future:

- Launch Updated NextGen Handbook(s) and Training Requirements (January 2024)
- Create and Curate Online Parent Resources (1st Quarter 2024)
- Ongoing Staff Training (Starting January 2024)
- Ongoing Volunteer Training (Starting January 2024)
- Regular Area Safety Reviews by Elders (Starting 1st Quarter 2024)
- ECAP Accreditation (Starting December 2023)

As advocates for the safety and well-being of our children, we encourage parents and guardians of Cornerstone NextGen (Kids and Students) to join us for a new training, [Recognizing and Preventing Grooming and Abuse](#), on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00AM - 11:00AM. This session is designed to empower parents with the tools they need to safeguard their children from potential threats. We understand that the subject matter is sensitive, but your attendance is a powerful step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of our children. Childcare will be provided. [Click here to register.](#)

If you have questions or would like more information about these steps, please contact Christine Batchelor at cbatchelor@cornerstone.team.

Sincerely,

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