

## PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO

### AB506 Resource Guide

**WHAT IS AB506?** AB506 is Assembly Bill No. 506 for Youth service organizations: child abuse and neglect prevention. This bill was approved on September 16, 2021. Read full description [here](#).

**WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH AB506?** Any administrator, employee, or regular volunteer of a youth service organization (include places of worship) to complete training in identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect, as specified.

**WHAT TRAINING ARE NEEDED TO MEET THE AB506 REQUIREMENTS?** Organizations must complete the following requirements:

- Mandated Reporter Training (child abuse, neglect identification and reporting)
- Fingerprint Background Check (Live Scan)
- Develop and implement child abuse prevention policies and procedures

### ARE THERE SPECIFIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CONGREGATIONS AND NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES, TO MEET SUCH REQUIREMENTS?

Yes! All congregations may use the [Safe Gathering](#) platform to complete training required for AB506. Trainings available include:

- Mandated Reporter Training (child abuse & neglect identification and reporting)
- Background Check (Live Scan)

For communities who need to create a child abuse prevention policy/procedure, please review the following [Protective Policy & Procedure](#) approved by the General Assembly of the PC(USA), revised and approved on May 20, 2021. Additional Training and Background Checks are provided by the [Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the State Department of Social Services](#).

Finally, before writing liability insurance for a youth service organization an insurer, you may request info demonstrating compliance with the youth service organization as a part of the insurer's loss control program.

#### AB506 Definitions

**REGULAR VOLUNTEER:** A volunteer who is 18 years of age or older and who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year.

**YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION:** An organization that employs or utilizes the services of persons who, due to their relationship with the organization, are mandated reporters (pursuant to Section 11165.7 of the Penal Code).