

# 2012 Little League Program



## LEAGUE 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**





## 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

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**

# 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*?



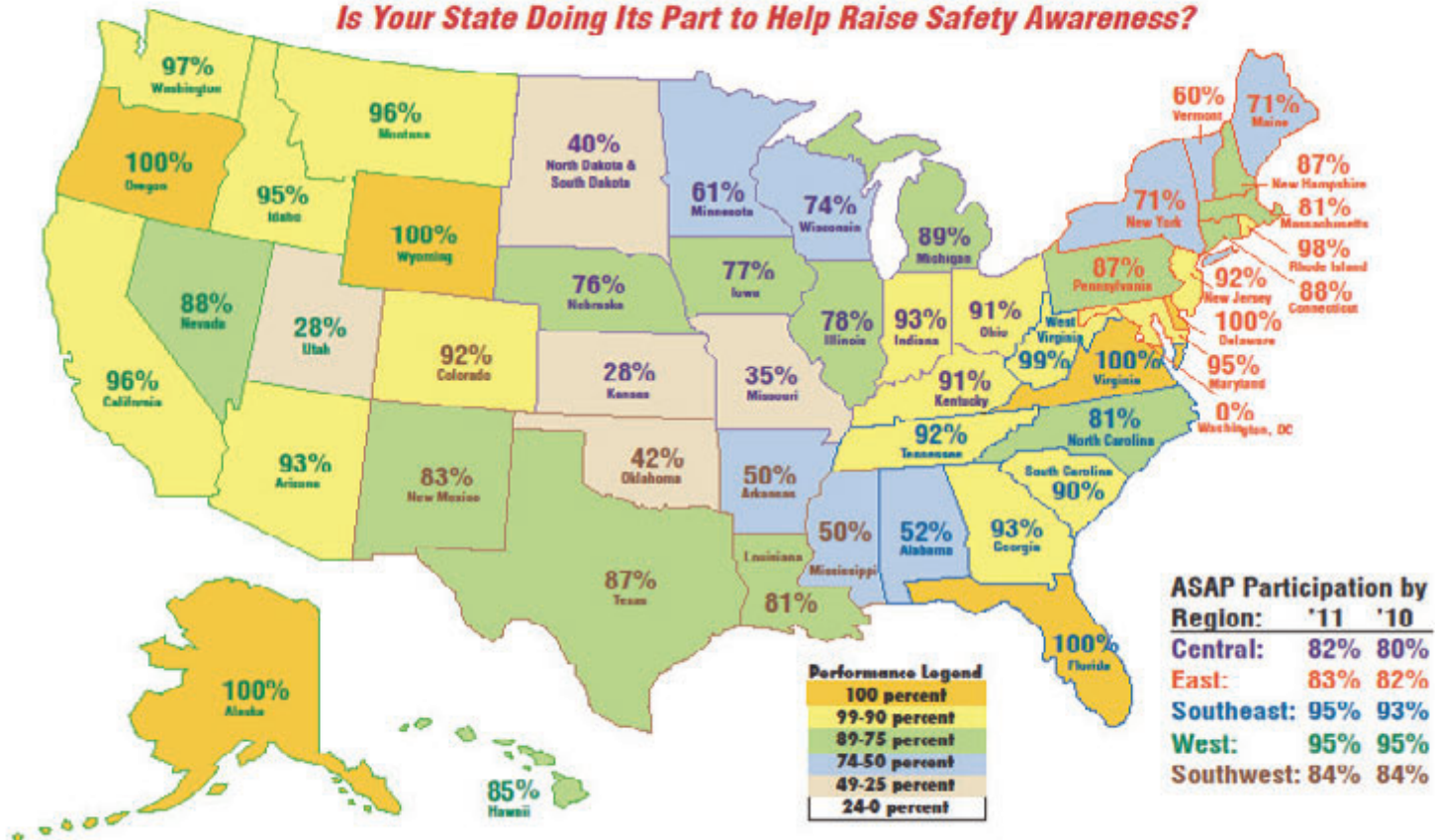
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**2011 US National ASAP Participation: 87%**

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

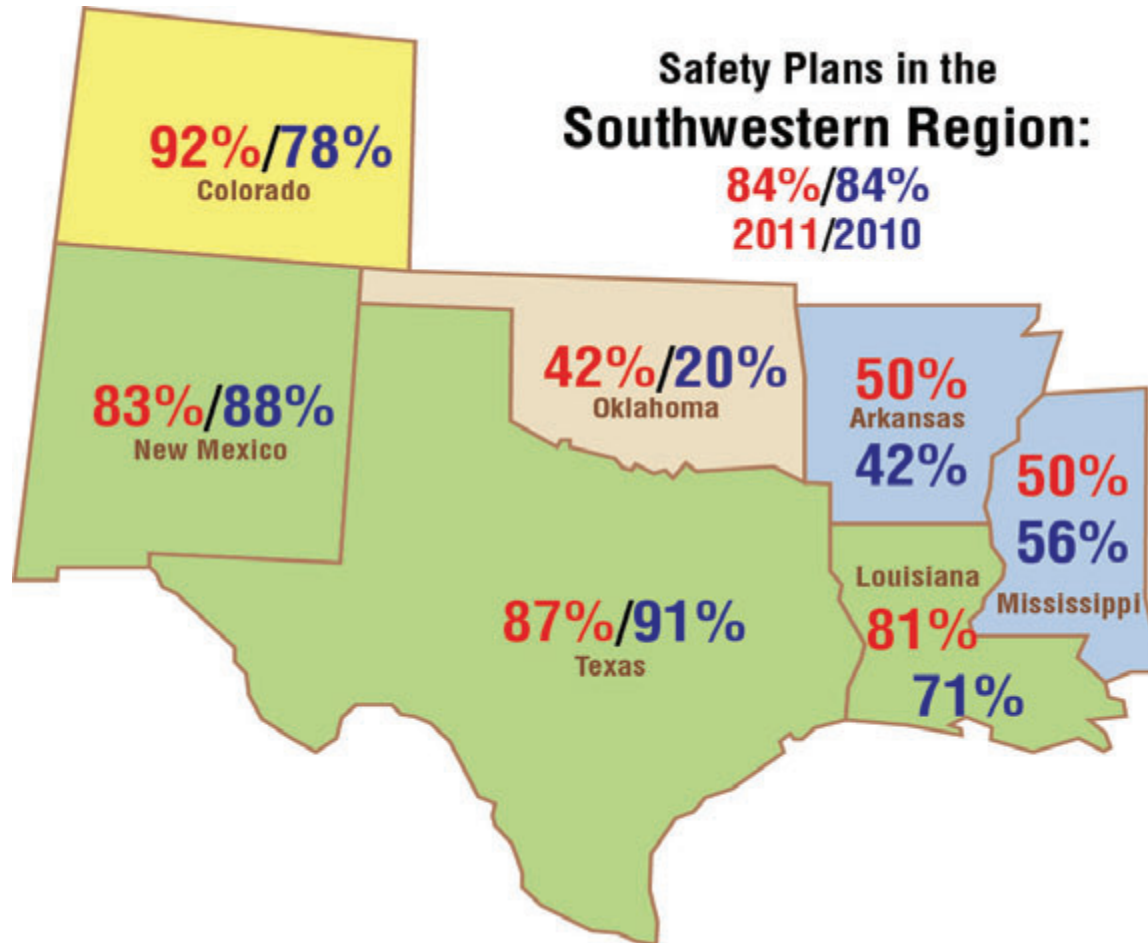
*Is Your State Doing Its Part to Help Raise Safety Awareness?*



# District Administrators' Impact



## Southwestern Region at 84%

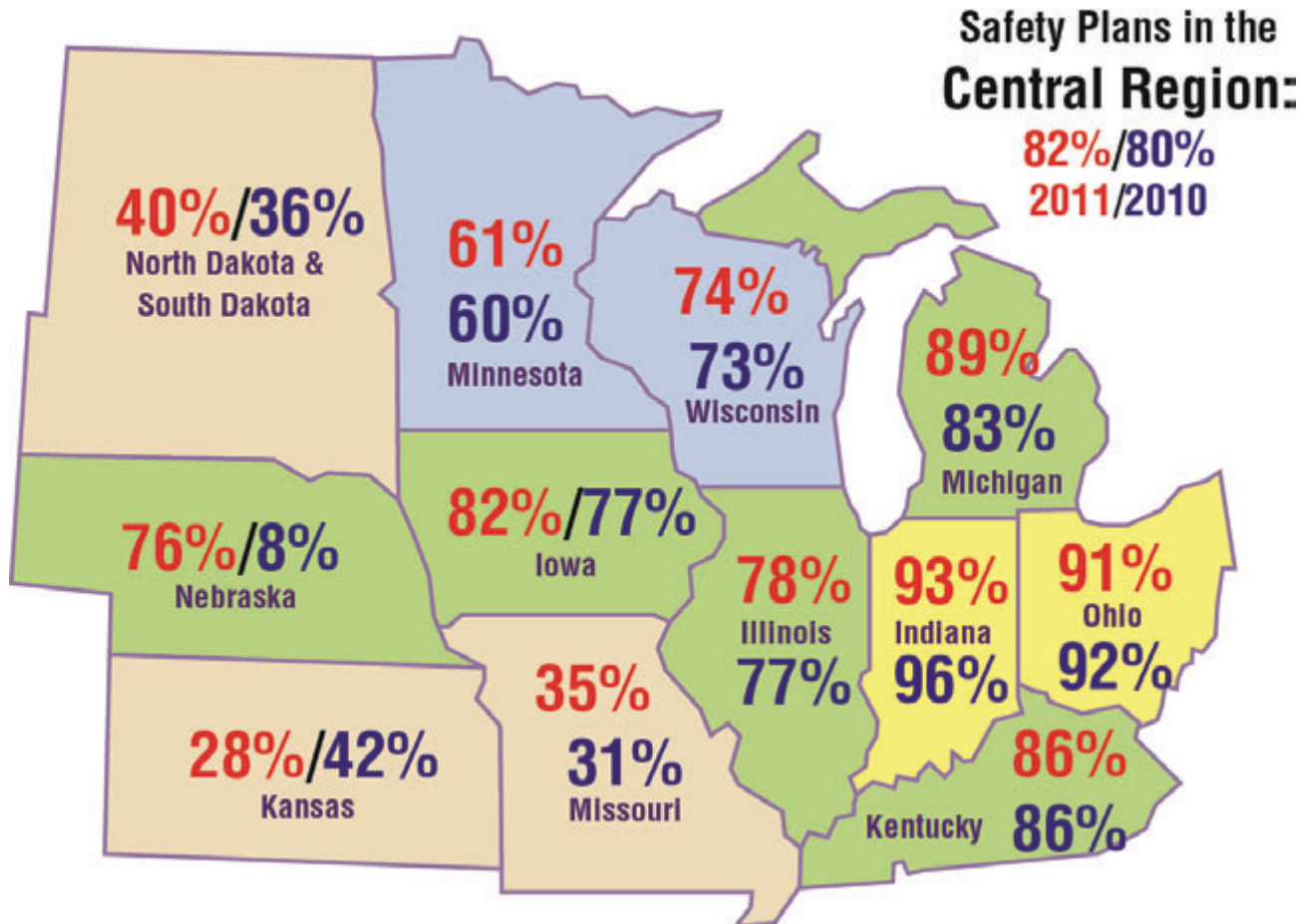




# District Administrators' Impact



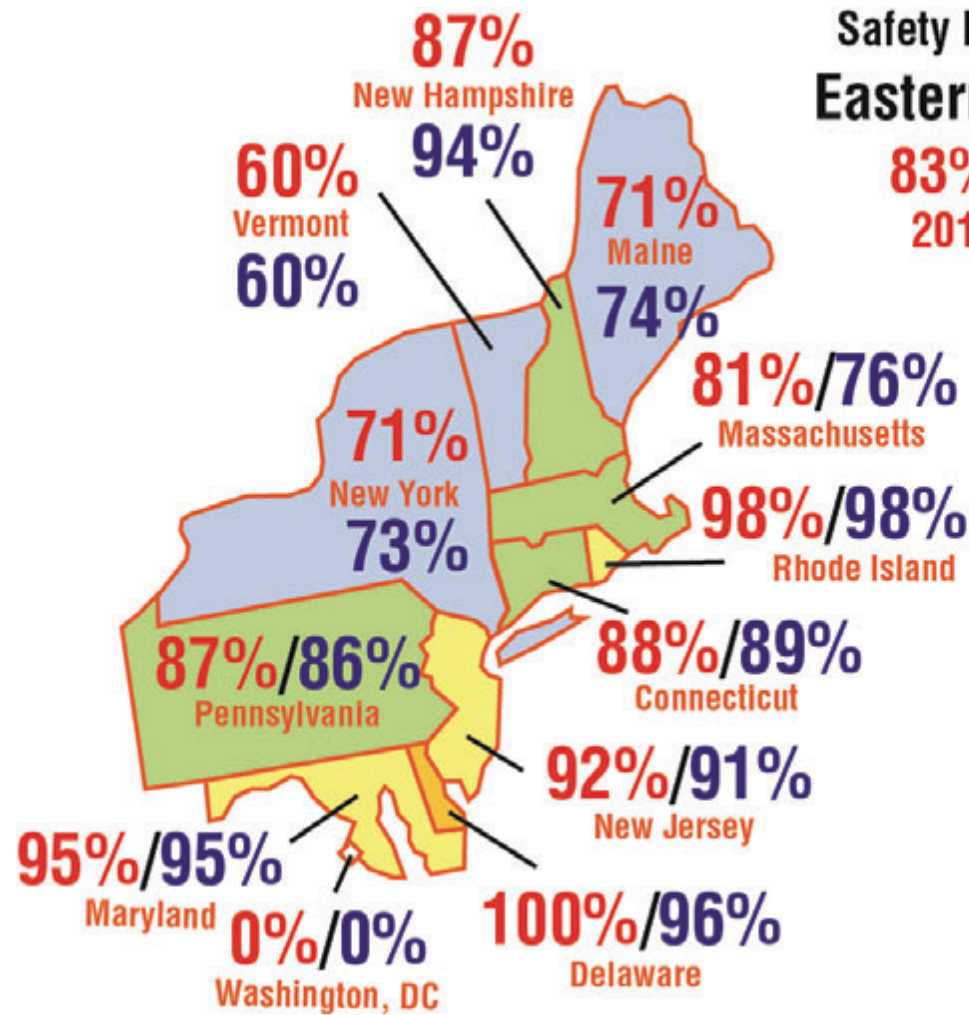
## Central Region at 82%



# District Administrators' Impact



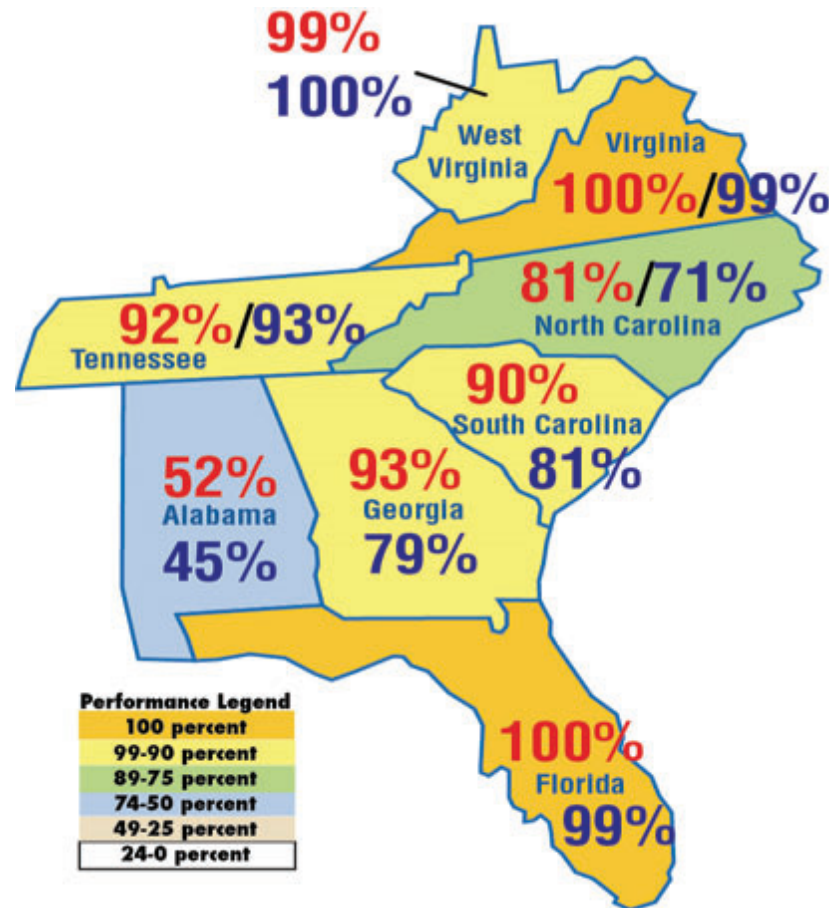
Eastern  
Region  
at 83%



# District Administrators' Impact



Southeast  
Region at 95%

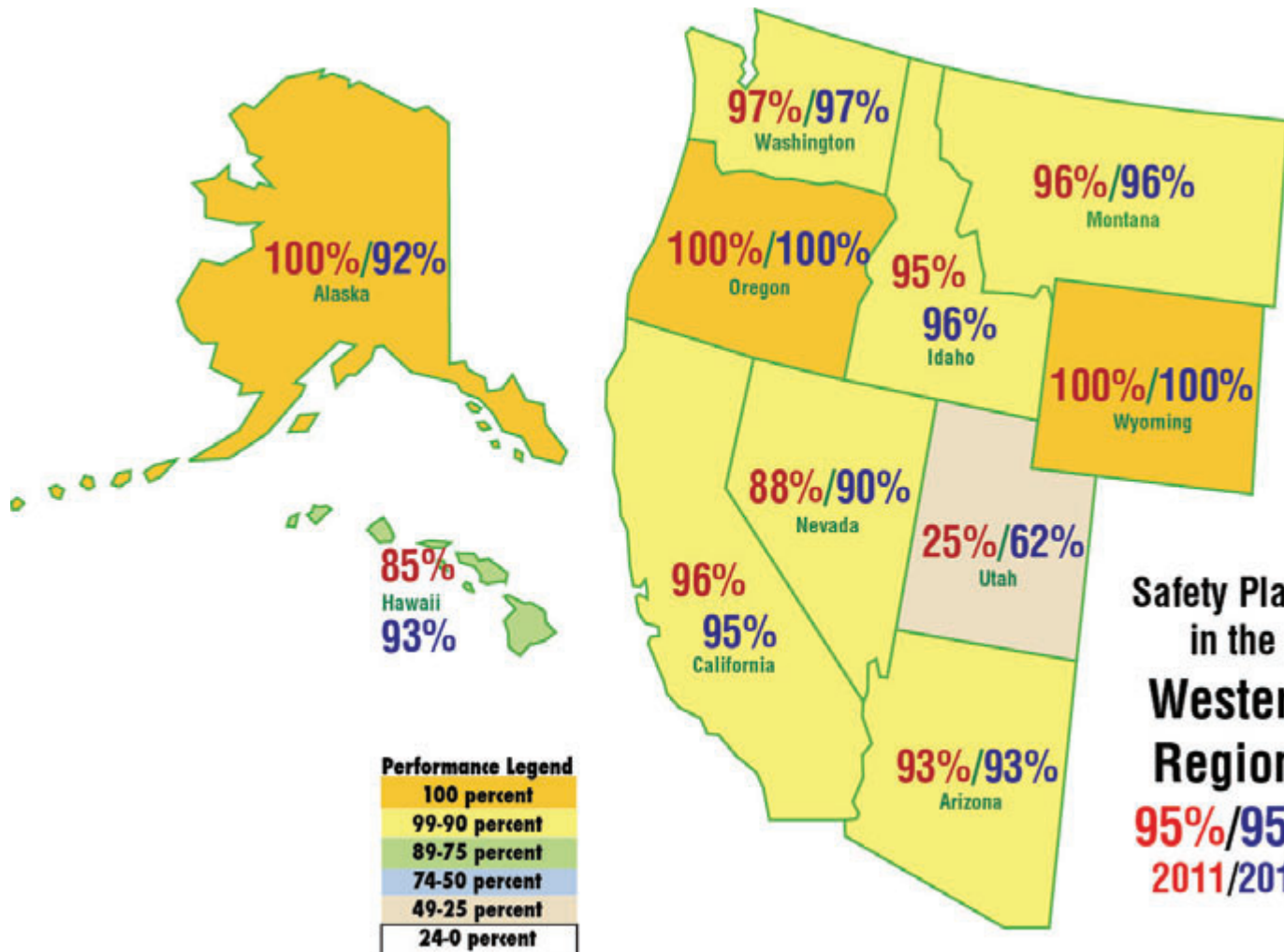


Safety Plans in the  
Southeastern  
Region:  
**95%/93%**  
2011/2010





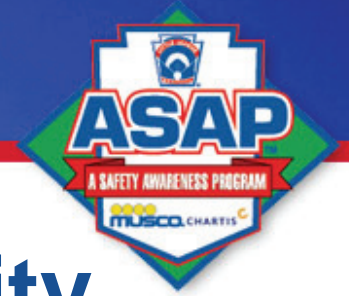
# District Administrators' Impact



Western Region at 95%

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

Making it 'Safer for the Kids'



## Training *Still* Key to Majority of Injury Reductions

- **Combine and Win - Inter-League Clinics**
  - Combine specialty clinics (i.e., CPR, AED)
  - Coordinate leagues' trainings schedules for options for coaches and volunteers to attend
- **Divide and Conquer**
  - Offer specific clinics for age-appropriate training
  - Provide trainers knowledgeable for skill level

Making it 'Safer for the Kids'



## Implement and Enhance -- Can't 'Fix' Just One Spot

- Go *beyond* 13 minimum requirements
- Many risks require many solutions, not just  
a copied safety plan from another League
- Leagues need to create own plans for:
  - Inspections of Equipment and Facilities,  
Ongoing Training, Maintenance Guidelines,  
Equipment Improvements, Facilities Upgrades,  
Concessions Guidelines, etc.

Making it 'Safer for the Kids'



## Rule Changes Enhancing Safety

- 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**



# 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.



LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL  
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

PLAY IT SAFE WITH A  
FAMILY TRUSTED CHILD ID

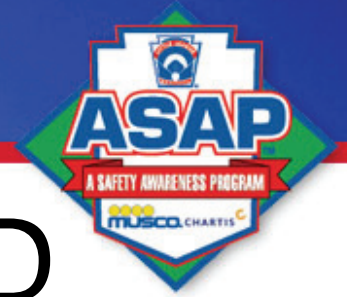
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Child ID

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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**

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Report your missing child to the police. Follow the police's lead in making plans to find your missing child. Family members should not attempt to locate the child on their own. Please call the police immediately.

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]

Police Officer: [input field]

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**MISSING CHILD ALERT**

**Name:** Emily Smith

**Webcam:** On

**Date of Birth:** 10/10/2000

**Sex:** Female

**Eye Color:** Blue

**Hair Color:** Brown

**Height:** 5'7" (170 cm)

**Weight:** 110 lbs

**Missing Since:** 11/10/2007

**Location Last Seen:** In front yard of home

**Special Information:** Diabetic. Loose steps and fanny. Always to STOPPED.

**Special Instructions:** Special hat needed for diabetes.

**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



# 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



## Ideas Prove Valuable

- Fence top was early ASAP idea, keeps players safe from wire tops







## Ideas Prove Valuable

- Ball return keeps out-of-play balls out-of-play until players ready





## Ideas Prove Valuable

- Overhead screens protect spectators better than yelling ‘heads-up!’





# ASAP – Sharing Ideas



## Ideas Prove Valuable

- Leagues address local conditions - like extreme heat in south/southwest







## Getting Everyone Involved

- Involving players in safety with tokens or other incentives gets everyone thinking ‘safety’





## Sharing Is Still Working

- New ideas continue for new needs like badges for approved volunteers





## Why We Care:

- Reducing avoidable injuries like this player hit by a bat in the dugout





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*



# Moving In The Right Direction



## ASAP has defined tools

### ASAP News



- Available on the Little League website.
- Hard copy mailed to each league and district



## **ASAP has defined tools**

- ASAP News**
- ASAP Hotline**
- Safety Officer Manual on CD**
  - » Play It Safe**
  - » A Little Common Sense...**
  - » A Year in the Life of  
Hometown Little League**
  - » ASAP Presentation**



## 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



How You Can Help



## **With Everyone's Help, ASAP Has Made a Difference:**

- **With your continued support, ASAP will help to reduce injuries to all participants in the Little League program.**

**Thank You!**

# Requirements



## 1. Have active safety officer on file with HQ

- Just like DSO, this needs to be a dedicated safety position
- May have more than one SO
- Some use team SO's to form safety committee

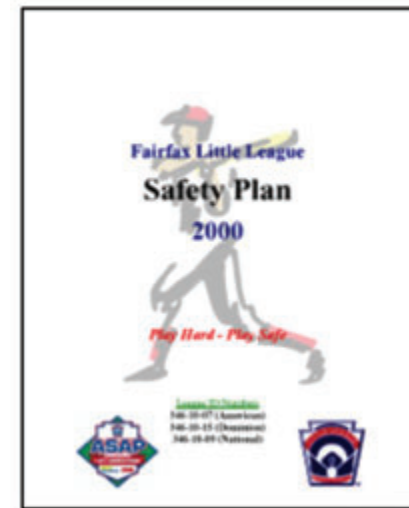


# Requirements



## 2. Have published league safety policy or manual in paper form

- Include emergency procedures
- Give appropriate sections to all
  - Coaches and managers
  - Post in concession stand
  - Parents, volunteers
  - League officials, umpires
  - Facility workers
- **Submit by March 13/ April 13 to LLHQ**







## 3. Post, distribute emergency numbers

- Emergency services (911)
- Key league officials





## 4. Volunteer Application & Background Checks

- Little League International provides 125 free Supplemental checks 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. 1c



## 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 the states of Hawaii, Iowa, Michigan & Virginia to provide sex offender registry data to the records check provider, the free criminal background checks no longer meet the minimum Little League requirement of a nationwide search of the sex offender registry. Sex offender registry data for the four states listed above are currently only available through the Department of Justice National Sex Offender Registry ([www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov)) and/or through the individual state's sex offender registry website.





## 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.**



## 5. Provide coaches and managers with fundamentals training

- I.e.: batting, fielding, sliding
- High school, college coaches may do to help young players
- Use veteran League coaches
- Must require date, location, and who is required to attend.
- **Mandatory for at least 1 coach per team to attend each year**
- **Mandatory that each coach attend at least once every 3 years**



## 6. Require training in first-aid for coaches

- Doesn't have to be paid
- **Mandatory for at least 1 coach per team to attend each year**
- **Mandatory that each coach attend at least once every 3 years**
- Look for qualified parents in community
- Nurses, Doctors; Paramedics; Athletic Trainers
- Must require date, location, and who is required to attend.
- Leagues may exempt licensed Medical Doctors, RN's, LPN's & licensed Paramedics from attending training
- Those who attend "other" First Aid training or courses are not exempt.





## 7. Require field inspections before games, practices

- Look for hazards
- Fix before playing
- Inspections common in other sports
  - Football/Basketball
- Coach/umpire/team safety officer could be responsible



# Requirements



Facility surveys may also be entered online at: <http://facilitysurvey.musco.com>

**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® & SOFTBALL  
NATIONAL FACILITY SURVEY  
2009**



League Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
District #: \_\_\_\_\_  
ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if needed) ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if needed) ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Safety Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANS FOR FUTURE NEEDS**

What are league's plans for improvements? Indicate number of fields in boxes below.

	Next 12 mos.	1-2 yrs.	2+ yrs.
a. New fields			
b. Basepath/infield			
c. Bases			
d. Scoreboards			
e. Pressbox			
f. Concession stand			
g. Restrooms			
h. Field lighting			
i. Warning track			
j. Bleachers			
k. Fencing			
l. Bull pens			
m. Dugouts			
n. Other (specify):			

2009 LL Season

## 8. Complete ANNUAL Little League Facility Survey

- Keep copies
- Must complete 2012 form; five pages
- Forces Leagues to evaluate facilities each year, on-going





## **9. Have written safety procedures for concession stand**

- Put signs up reminding workers**
- Train workers in proper food handling**
- Set minimum age for workers**
- Safety Plan must contain written procedures for safe food handling and preparation and care & use of equipment**
- If your league does not have a concession stand, please note this in your Safety Plan.**





## **10. Require regular inspection and replacement of equipment**

- Beginning of season**
- Before each use**
- Inspect facilities, facilities' equipment, and playing equipment**





## 11. Have a method to report, track injuries

- Many leagues require notification within 24-48 hours after incidents
- Report ‘near-misses’, too





## 12. Provide teams with well equipped First Aid Kits

- Local sponsors/medical providers/manufacturers are good resources





## 13. Enforce rules

- **Include wearing catchers gear and helmet rules during practice and warm-up**
- **Coaches are not catchers**







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



**THANK YOU!**

