



# FLORIDA CONFERENCE *of* SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Dear Youth Leader,

As you may know, the Shield the Vulnerable (STV) program was recently replaced with a program called Verified Volunteers. This was a decision by the North American Division effective 12/31/2016.

Verified Volunteers is the mandatory background screening program for all local church volunteers ages 18 and up. In coordination with the North American Division and Adventist Risk Management, Verified Volunteers has setup an online training and background screening program for Seventh-day Adventists.

All churches are required to participate by having all volunteers working with children up to the age of 18, complete the on-line training and background screening. This would include volunteers in the various children's and youth departments. The background check is good for three years, and if the individual moves to another Conference or another church, their record can be transferred and accessible by their new location.

The Verified Volunteers program is similar to STV. Once the user is on the website, they must select the Southern Union, then the Florida Conference, and their church name to begin the registration process. They will be required to do a training session first and then they can submit information for their background screening. Once their background screening is done, the user will receive an email notification from the program that they are eligible or not eligible (this is the importance of having an email address). The volunteer can actually go into the system and print off their background report.

The website is: [www.ncsrisk.org/adventist](http://www.ncsrisk.org/adventist)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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