

## **Founded and Indicated Child Abuse Reports**

### **Policy**

Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania considers the safety of our members and all children to be our highest priority. We comply with state law in all matters relating to the protection of minors. In addition, we exercise our rights to set standards for our organization that go beyond the requirements of the law.

As required by state law, Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania will not approve as a volunteer anyone who has been named as a perpetrator in a “founded” report of child abuse committed within the previous five years.

In addition, Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania will not approve as a volunteer anyone who has been named as a perpetrator in an “indicated” report of child abuse committed within the previous five years.

If a potential volunteer has been named as a perpetrator in a “founded” or “indicated” report of child abuse that occurred more than five years ago, Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania will review the matter thoroughly and decide the volunteer status of the individual on a case-by-case basis.

At all times, Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania will comply with state law regarding disqualifying criminal convictions.

### **Procedure**

All potential Girl Scouts volunteers must submit all required background checks and child abuse clearances. Any potential volunteer wishing to discuss their clearances with the council should contact customer care at 800-248-3355 or [customer care@gswpa.org](mailto:customer care@gswpa.org) to arrange a conversation with a member of our volunteer screening team.

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