



# KIDS CONNECTION

The Childrens Ministries  
of  
New Life Church Gahanna  
3690 Stygler Road

## Kids Connection Volunteer Application (Weekend Celebrations, Awana, VBS)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street # and Name) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact you \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours available \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to serve:

- 9AM
- 11AM
- \_\_\_\_\_AM
- 6PM
- \_\_\_\_\_PM

Best day(s) to serve:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

I am currently serving in the ministry position of: \_\_\_\_\_or

Ministry position I am applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you would be available to begin: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you attended New Life Church Gahanna? \_\_\_\_\_

Present church member:

- Yes
- No
- In membership process

Have you read and do you agree with the attached Statement of Faith for New Life Church Gahanna?

- Yes
- No (If no, please explain below)

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Church positions held in the past \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name and address of church above position was held at

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Where employed \_\_\_\_\_

- Full-time
- Part-time

Please write a short paragraph telling when and how you became a Christian:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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What skills, spiritual gifts, or talents do you have which might be useful in this position?

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What training or experiences do you have which might be useful in this position?

If you could do anything for God without fear of failure, what would it be?

Have you been convicted of a criminal offense?

- Yes (If yes, please explain below)
- No

Have you been convicted of child abuse or sexual abuse or been involved in any activities related to molesting or abusing children/youth?

- Yes (If yes, please explain below)
- No

Is there any fact or circumstance involving you, your background, any physical or mental conditions that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of young people?

- Yes (If yes, please explain below)
- No

Do you have any moving violations on your driving record?

- Yes (If yes, please list and explain below)
- No

References: (Please provide name and phone of three references, including a former supervisor if adult)

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I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that any false information or omission may disqualify me from further consideration, or that discovery of such information at a later date may result in my removal. I authorize any references, churches or organizations listed in this form to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for work with minors or the mentally disabled. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this form by New Life Church Located at 3690 N. Stygler Rd. Gahanna, Ohio 43230. I hereby release any individual, church organization, charity, employer, reference or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs or my family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the By-Laws and Policies of this church. I have read and agree to live by the 'Standards of Excellence in Children's Ministry' as outlined on the attached sheet to the best of my ability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The following section is for Students Only:

**(If you recently filled out a form, but are applying for a new area in children's ministry, please have your adult mentor in this area fill this out and give it to you to turn in to the office – attn: Children's Ministry)**

If you are a student 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above (7<sup>th</sup> for VBS) applying to serve, you need an adult volunteer willing to mentor, train and serve with you in the area you will be serving. What is the name of your adult mentor?

Mentor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Area \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student you are training \_\_\_\_\_

For Students:

Parent Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# **STANDARDS of EXCELLENCE** *in Children's Ministries*

**A CHILDREN'S WORKER SHOULD BE....**

**1. A CHRISTIAN** Our ultimate goal in the Children's Ministry is to lead kids to Christ, and then help them grow in their Christian life. Therefore, our volunteers should have a personal relationship with Christ themselves! If you are unsure about where you stand in your relationship with God, do not hesitate to talk to one of the Pastors or Directors here at New Life Church Gahanna. We would be delighted to open God's Word and share with you how you can know for sure that you are saved and a child of God!

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

**2. REGULAR** in church attendance and involvement. Not only the Children's Ministry functions, but also the weekend adult celebrations and other church events.

**Hebrew 10:25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**3. ENCOURAGING IN SPEECH.** Our words should be encouraging, uplifting and positive. There should be no insults, cut-downs, gossip, slander or any talk where someone may be hurt, especially in the presence of children. Humor should reflect a walk with God.

**Colossians 4:6** Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**1 Peter 4:11** If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Ephesians 5:4** Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

**Matthew 12:36** But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of

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judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

**4. AN EXAMPLE IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER** Because workers in our Children's Ministry should be examples and a positive influence on the children they minister to, they should be a real life example of what they teach. For example, if we tell children not to smoke cigarettes because they are harmful, then we should not do so ourselves. In your personal life, you should be committed to Bible study, prayer, and Christ-like living.

**Titus 2:6-7** Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching, show integrity, seriousness.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

**5. RESPONSIBLE IN LEADERSHIP** This involves attending meetings and training or communicating when unavailable. This includes not planning events or outings without the knowledge and approval of the Children's Ministries Director. Give respect to church procedures by following them. Be practicing the 3 habits.

**1 Peter 2:17** Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

**6. FAITHFUL IN COMMITMENTS MADE** When you give your word, keep it. If you say you will do something, or be somewhere, follow through on it. If something happens that you can not keep your commitment, communicate so that those affected can take necessary action.

**1 Corinthians 4:2** Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

**7. PURE IN RELATIONSHIPS** No male teacher or volunteer is **EVER** to be alone with one child, especially in a washroom or outside of a program. This is for your own protection as well as the church, and especially for the children. Men should never be alone with one girl in a room. When with teenage girls, men should always leave the door open and sit in view of the doorway. This is not an issue of trust as much as it is common sense and respect for our young women. We are not only to avoid sin, but even the appearance of sin. Men are never to give a girl a ride home without another male present. Hug pre-teen girls and older from the side.

**1 Timothy 5:1-2** Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

**Ephesians 5:3** But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or

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of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

This includes being **MODEST IN DRESS**. Without "defining" exactly what to wear, just be sure that your clothing glorifies God, not yourself. Don't allow your dress to distract others from spiritual things.

**1 Timothy 2:9** I also want women [*and men*] to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, ... with good deeds, appropriate for women [*and men*] who profess to worship God. *Italics added*

## **8. RESPECTFUL OF AUTHORITY** in word, action, and attitude.

**Hebrews 13:17** Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

**1 Thessalonians 5:12** Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.

**9. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS** The spiritual upbringing of children belongs first to the parents. The church's role is to supplement the training in the home. Always seek to work with the parents of the children whom you minister to. Seek their input, listen to their concerns. Never side with a child against a parent or contradict a parent in front of a child. You are on the parent's team! If you have a valid concern about a parent or a home situation, talk to the Children's Ministries Director immediately.

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

**10. TEACHABLE IN SPIRIT** This may be the most important trait of any volunteer who is seeking to serve the Lord! We all have weaknesses, but if we remain teachable, there is always hope! We must be willing to listen to constructive criticism and prayerfully consider the input of others. We do not need to always agree, but if we fail to listen, we hurt only ourselves and rob ourselves of another chance to grow.

**Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

**Proverbs 19:20** Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end, you will be wise.

***As a servant volunteer***

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