Send your background to the following Email: volunteer@acworth.org

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### City of Acworth 2023 Coach and Volunteer Application Valid Through December 31, 2023

Please check all of the boxes below indicating which sport or activity you are submitting this application for:

Acworth Baseball Association Horizon League		Acworth Youth Basketball	Acworth Youth Volleyball
Acworth Youth Football and Cheerleading Association		Other	
ackground Check Authorization:			

I hereby **authorize** the <u>Acworth Police Department</u> to conduct a criminal background check, which may be in the files of any federal, state or city criminal justice agency nationwide. This criminal history check is being performed at my request and on behalf of the City of Acworth and/or respective volunteer organizations.

I further understand that the findings of the background check can be shared with the City of Acworth and the volunteer organization. Any applicant who does not meet standards will be notified via the contact information below. Applicants are not to begin volunteering until they have been notified by the city and/or organization of their eligibility through the respective approved volunteer list and/or other designated method of notification. All volunteers will be given a picture identification card that must be worn at all times while coaching.

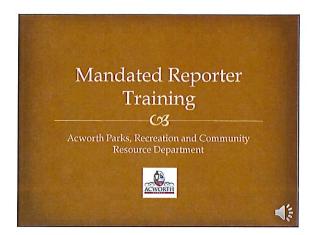
Specifically, I understand that any of the following convictions or pending charges including, but not limited to (1) Any felony during one's lifetime, (2) Any crime against children during one's lifetime and, or (3) any misdemeanor drug offense within the last ten years will disqualify me from serving as a volunteer or coach for the City of Acworth and/or the respective organizations. The City of Acworth reserves the right to reject any applicants based on the best interest of the city and/or the volunteer organization.

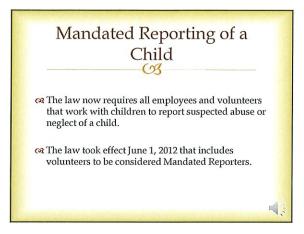
Date of Request	Have you previously coached? Yes No		
Full Name Printed	Sex Race		
Maiden Name, Aliases, Name Changes	Date of Birth		
Street Address	Social Security Number		
City County State Zip Code	Email Address		
Signature	Cell Phone		

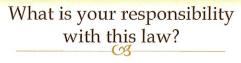
#### Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement:

I have received and reviewed the Mandated Reporter Training packet from the City of Acworth. The PDF version is attached, along with a video at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFkQc7\_U-Mc">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFkQc7\_U-Mc</a>. In-person training dates are posted on <a href="http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org">www.acworthparksandrecreation.org</a> on the Volunteer Information tab. I understand that I am required by law to report any suspected instances of child abuse to the proper channels and failure to do so can result in criminal charges. The City of Acworth is not responsible for my failure to report suspected instances of child abuse through the proper channels. By signing below, I acknowledge that the City of Acworth has provided me with the information and resources necessary to properly report suspected child abuse.

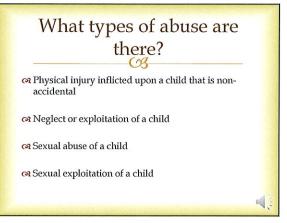
Signature		Date	
For Office Use Only: Date Received:			
Background Check:	Meets Standards	Does Not Meet Standards	
Officer Signature		APRD Use: Card Issued	







- ☞ You must report any suspected child abuse to the proper authorities within 24 hours.
- ন্দে You must have reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused.
- ন্স You are immune from criminal or civil liability if the report is made in good faith.
- A You can be charged with a MISDEMEANOR if you FAIL TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE.



# What are indicators of physical abuse?

#### <mark>ন্দে</mark> Bite marks

- ₼ Scratches
- **R** Welts
- Bruises in a pattern or that take on the shape of an item
- ↔ Fractures/Dislocations that are unexplained
- ন্থ Bald spots on the scalp

"These do not always indicate abuse, but if frequent and unexplained, could be an indicator



# What are indicators of sexual abuse?

- A Difficulty sitting or walking
- 🛯 Pain or itching in the genital area
- 🐼 Inappropriate sexual overtones while playing
- Advanced knowledge of sexual activity
- ন্ধ Fear of people, places or specific activities
- ↔ Change in patterns of behavior and socialization

## What is sexual exploitation of children?

ন্স Any sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value

- ন্স This can include গু Street prostitution গু Pornography গু Pimping
  - 🛯 Escort Services
  - Internet-based exploitation

# What should you do if a child discloses abuse?

😪 Stay calm

- 🕫 Do not act visibly shaken or upset
- 🛯 Praise the child for telling you
- ☎ Don't ask questions that are leading (example: "Did mommy do this to you?")
- On not make any promises to the child (i.e. that you'll keep this a secret)

#### Who do you report abuse to? Maseball Association Maseball Association Maseball Association Maseball Association Maseball League Masketball League Masketba

## After the Report CC A Please keep all reports confidential. A Your obligated responsibility by law is complete. A Don't treat children any differently. Don't forget boundaries when volunteering, especially with social media.

