



Winning Kids® Inc. is committed to winning the race against abuse and to create winning environments for children and youth! Our standard is high as we are committed to our mission and mandate.

We are often asked the question “do we need to comply to all of the Plan to Protect™ policies?”

One of the myths of Plan to Protect is that the manual is a policy. Plan to Protect™ is not a policy but rather a plan to protect children and youth and a plan to protect your organizations, volunteers and staff. With the help of the manual you are able to customize a policy to reflect the needs of your community, venue, and staffing. You will also want to take into consideration your insurance company’s standards. If you are able to demonstrate that you do adhere to these standards, you may qualify for abuse coverage insurance and have the exclusion clause for abuse removed from your policy. Many of the sample policies that we have included in Plan to Protect reflect the insurance standards i.e. recruitment and screening and the procedures for children and youth programming.

Not all of the sample policies are required by your insurance company. One of the member benefits of Winning Kids® is that we will research and draft policies requested by our members. In the past year, we have drafted policies for the use of computer and internet, H1N1, severe allergies, and off-site trips with housing in hotels and motels. These sample policies have been prepared at the request of our members. We want to commend these members for continuing to raise the bar on the protection of children and youth. Winning Kids recommends that you embrace as many of these policies as you are able in order to demonstrate sufficient care and due diligence.

As with all of our work, the information is distributed with the understanding that it does not constitute legal advice. Organizations are strongly encouraged to not only consult your insurance company but to also seek legal counsel when establishing and customizing a policy.

On a personal note, the authors of Plan to Protect do work directly with children and youth in small, medium and large sized organizations, in rural and urban settings and in settings that are multicultural. We know from experience that it is a challenge but well worth the effort.

We know our standard is high. We don’t apologize for it but we are committed to helping you achieve that standard. For more information contact Winning Kids Inc. at 1-877-455-3555 or info@winningkidsinc.ca