

## Steps

## to preventing child sexual abuse

- 1 Know the Warning Signs. Know the warning signs of a potential abuser or an inappropriate relationship.
  - **Control Access Through Screening.** Carefully vet those adults who are allowed to work with and be around our children and youth.
- Monitor All Ministries and Programs. After screening all adults, monitor the programs and ministries in which our children worship, learn and play.
  - Be Aware of Child and Youth Behavior. As parents and caring safe adults, we should pay close attention to the children and youth in our lives and any signs they may present that something is unusual or wrong.
- **Communicate Your Concerns.** Tell someone when you are uncomfortable or concerned about the safety of a person or situation. Know whom and how to tell about your concerns.

