

# A word about Chaperones

1. A good rule of thumb for all children's workers is that there are always at least two non-related screened adults present to supervise.
2. All chaperones with children on a DI Kids trip must be 21 years of age or older and submit to a background check.
3. **DI Kids depends on adult chaperons for a variety of reasons. One is to make sure all children from your church enjoy their experience and have adult supervision. Another is to make sure we have enough adult leadership for our mission projects. With this in mind we would like to suggest a ratio of 2 adults for the first 6 children same gender and then 1 more for each 6 over 14 children. If you have less than 5 children of either gender, then we will allow you to have 1 adult per gender. If this is the case, adults will only be allowed to lodge in the same room as the children when more than one other child is present. IF YOU CAN BRING 2 ADULTS PER GENDER EVEN AT 5 CHILDREN AND UNDER IN NUMBER, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO. When having difficulty securing adult chaperons please consider having adults split time during the week.**
4. A background check will be required for all persons age 18+ seeking to work with minors on a mission project.
5. When overnight trips are necessary, the following conditions must be met: No adult may room with a minor or group of minors except in situations where multiple single/twin bed/bunk type lodging is present such as barracks or cabins. In these cases, two or more screened adults may share lodging with a group of minors. No adult may sleep in the same bed as a minor at any time. In all situations, supervising adults must be of the same gender as the minors they are supervising.
6. Chaperons are responsible for the care of the children from your church at all times. This would include supervising them during free time and before and after meals. DI Kids staff will be interacting with the children and adults during the times they are not fulfilling their other camp staff duties.

Reminder: If both boys and girls are on a trip, then both male and female adult chaperones are to be present as well.

Some churches allow older youth to work with their children's group. If a church would like to include youth, they cannot be counted as chaperones. If youth attend a DI Kids, the number of youth attending cannot be more than the ratio of adults. Example: 10 children, 2 youth, 2 adults. Please contact Dollie Noa for more information at [dnoa@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dnoa@ncbaptist.org). Youth over 18 must have a background check.