

Background Check Process Letter

Boys To Men GW, has arranged for the firm of SearchLink, LLC to do all of our background check processes, for the states in which we do draw boys from on all men who plan to participate in the Rites of Passage Adventure Weekend at Gaia Healing Center in Mt Airy MD, including core staff, mentors, men of service, and anyone else. **ANY man that has not completed background checks will NOT be permitted to participate in the ROPA on any level.** Here is how it works:

Fill out the attached **Investigation Release and Consent Form** to perform the search. Please read, print out and sign this form, providing the information requested. Most searches take 72 hours or longer to complete. You will receive a copy of your search results by e-mail or U.S. mail as per your request circled on the bottom of the Consent/Release Form.

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State and National Background Search Process

SearchLink, LLC puts your information into the system to verify it. This process yields the addresses at which you have lived during the last ten years. If you have only lived in one state during that time, the search ends there. If you have other addresses, those states, counties, or localities will be contacted to find out if you have any felony convictions through the courts there. A copy of your results will be sent to you via email. **A copy is sent to Craig McClain, founder of Boys To Men (B2M) Network, in San Diego, for their national insurance coverage and liability, which covers our center as well. This information is private and will not be shared for any reason.**

This is a boiler-plate legalese that allows the investigating firm to do what they have to do to complete their work. Please be assured that no one is going to prod into every dusty corner of your past life for information. A record of sexual assault, abuse, or harassment; domestic violence; or physical abuse of children is a red flag. Offenses against children and felony charges are most likely to cause a problem and will need to be reviewed by the Board of Directors for a decision.

Please do this ASAP within the next few days!

BTMGW appreciates that it takes guts to open one's "past files" for this purpose. We also know that you agree that the effort involved is worth it, in order to ensure safety and a positive experience for the boys in the program.

Thanks for helping making this program safe!

INVESTIGATION RELEASE and CONSENT FORM
SeachLink, LLC BACKGROUND CHECK

As a prospective Staff member for the Rites of Passage Adventure Weekend (ROPAW) and/or as a mentor for Boys To Men of Greater Washington I hereby agree to the following:

GENERAL CONSENT TO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

As a condition of my work with BTM, I grant permission to the organization to investigate my personal history. I understand that the scope of this investigation is limited to any felony convictions that have taken place in the states that I have lived during the past ten years. I understand that BTM have contracted with SearchLink, LLC, to perform this investigation.

CONSENT TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

I further give permission to BTM, through SearchLink, LLC, to contact and receive information from any federal, state, or local court regarding my judicial history, if any. I consent to the release of such information to SearchLink, LLC, and to the designated agent of BTM.

COOPERATION WITH INVESTIGATION

I agree to fully cooperate in this background investigation, and to sign any waivers or releases that may be necessary to obtain access to relevant information. I understand that I will receive a copy of the results of this investigation, and that these results will be entered in the BOYS TO MEN dissemination log entitled "Criminal History Log for BOYS TO MEN Mentors." The dissemination log is confidential under law and will be maintained at the Central Office in a secure location. This log will be maintained and available for audit by the state crime information centers upon request.

AGREEMENT

This agreement represents the entire understanding relating to this investigation. BTM and SearchLink, LLC shall be entitled fully to rely on this agreement. I understand that I have no guarantee of a position with, as a Staff member of, or as a Mentor for BTM, and that the organization may determine not to utilize my services for any lawful reason.

Signature

Printed Name

_____-_____-_____
Social Security Number

E-mail Address

Phone

Alternate Phone

____/____/____
Date of Birth

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

Check here _____ if you'd like a copy of your results e-mailed to you