

BCYMP Volunteer Policy

Any BCYMP applicant found to have been convicted of, or having charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor *involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect or related acts that would pose risks to children or the BCYMP program's credibility* is not accepted as a BCYMP Mentor. This policy is stated on the volunteer application form.

If an applicant is found to have committed a misdemeanor or felony that is *unrelated to or would not pose a risk to children and would not negatively impact the credibility of the BCYMP program*, the BCYMP program will consider the extent of the rehabilitation since the misdemeanor or felony was committed as well as other factors that may influence the decision to accept the applicant as a BCYMP Mentor. BCYMP Program Director and a Board Member will meet with the individual. The School Resource Officer will also be notified of the pending application.

The BCYMP program's Volunteer Selection Procedure ensures that those not selected are treated with dignity, respect and, if appropriate, referred to alternative volunteer opportunities.