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- African Proverb

Mandatory Background Check

Threshold Passages, Inc. (TPI) has arranged for *SearchLink, LLC*, to conduct our background checks in Colorado and nationwide for all men who volunteer with our organization. ANY man who has not completed both Colorado and nationwide background checks will NOT be permitted to participate in the program on any level except to visit on designated "open" group meetings (e.g., open houses). **Background checks must be renewed every 3 years.**

Please complete the Investigation Release and Consent Form (attached) to perform the search. Please read, print out, and sign this form, providing the information requested. Most searches take 7-10 days to complete. You will receive a copy of your search results by email or U.S. mail as per your request circled on the bottom of the **Investigation Release and Consent Form.**

FEE for first background check (valid for 3 years) is **\$40.00**
FEE for renewals is **\$30.00**

Make checks payable to **Threshold Passages, Inc.** or pay online at:
<http://www.thresholdpassages.org/Mentor.php>

For fastest processing of your form, please **FAX** to the TPI Mentor Coordinator at: **303-889-2811**

Or **scan** your printed, hand-completed form and then **email** to the TPI Mentor Coordinator at: JGroup_@thresholdpassages.org

Otherwise, please **mail** to: Mentor Coordinator
Threshold Passages, Inc.
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The State and National Background Search Process

Searchlink, LLC, enters your information into their background check system. The system yields the addresses at which you have lived during the past ten years. Crimes, credit, and other information will be reported to us. A copy of your results will be sent to you via email or mail as per your request. We understand that this information is private and will be treated confidentially.

A personal note: Most of us have a history of mistakes in our lives, and part of what we model for boys is that we are all imperfect men doing our best to live life in a healthy and responsible way while confronting and learning from our struggles. Prior convictions for drug offenses, DUI, tax delinquency, etc., will most likely not exclude you from TPI. On the other hand, a history of violence, threatened violence, and sexual perpetration will almost certainly prevent you from being allowed to participate. Other convictions may raise concerns that we may ask you about.

We appreciate that it takes guts to open one's "past files" for this purpose. And we care about your privacy. We also hope that you'll agree that the effort is worth it in order to ensure safety and a positive experience for boys in the program.

Thanks for helping us make our program safe!



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Personal Risk History

Circle one for each question:

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|---|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1. Have you <u>ever</u> touched a minor in a sexually exploitative or predatory fashion? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 2. As an adult, have you ever touched a minor in a violent manner? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 3. Have you <u>ever</u> been arrested or convicted of <u>any</u> crime in which a child was involved? | Yes | No | Don't Know |

Please explain any "Yes" or "Don't Know" answers:

Investigation Release and Consent Form

As a prospective volunteer mentor or staff of *Threshold Passages, Inc.* (TPI), I hereby agree to the following:

GENERAL CONSENT TO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

As a condition of my work with TPI, I grant permission to the organization to investigate my personal history. I understand that the scope of this investigation includes the entire United States during the past ten years. I understand that TPI has contracted with *SearchLink, LLC*, to perform this investigation, though another investigative entity may be used at TPI's discretion.

CONSENT TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES

I further give permission to TPI and *SearchLink, LLC*, to contact and receive information from any agency, governmental or otherwise for this purpose. I consent to the release of such information to TPI and *SearchLink, LLC*, and to the designated agent(s) of TPI.

COOPERATION WITH INVESTIGATION

I agree to cooperate fully 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 kept confidential by TPI, maintained in a secure location. The results will be maintained and available for audit by state crime information centers upon request.

AGREEMENT

This agreement represents the entire understanding relating to this investigation. TPI and *SearchLink, LLC*, shall be entitled fully to rely on this agreement. I understand that I have no guarantee of a position with TPI, and that TPI may determine not to use my services or ask me not to participate in TPI events for any lawful reason.

Printed Name:		Social Security Number:	
Signature:		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):	
Phone:	Alt. Phone:	Email Address:	
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	<i>I would like results: Mailed Emailed</i> <i>(circle one)</i>

For TPI use only

<input type="checkbox"/> DL verified <input type="checkbox"/> AI verified <input type="checkbox"/> SL req'd <input type="checkbox"/> SL rec'd <input type="checkbox"/> SL sent

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Valid Driver's License and Current Insurance Statement

Mentors who volunteer for *Threshold Passages, Inc.* (TPI) are asked to provide rides for members to and from TPI events. In order to ensure the safety of those in our program, please provide the information below regarding driver's license and current auto insurance. If you do not have one or both of these, you are not precluded from participation in TPI events, but you will not be allowed to provide rides for TPI members.

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Thanks for helping us make our program safe!

Name: _____ Driver's License Number: _____

Address: _____ Licensing State: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Auto Insurance Provider: _____

Policy Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

I agree to inform TPI representatives of changes in my driver's license and auto insurance status including policy or license renewals, interruptions or cancellations.

 Printed Name

 Signature

 Date

Volunteer Driver's Commitment

I am willing to provide rides for... <input type="checkbox"/> JMen/boys to and from TPI events <input type="checkbox"/> Mentors to and from TPI events <input type="checkbox"/> no one – not able/willing to provide rides

I have special considerations: _____ _____ _____

Please contact me via... <input type="checkbox"/> email (preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> phone <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Volunteer Driver's Check-in

If you wish to help make TPI successful by providing transportation, please contact the Mentor Coordinator (303-889-2809) to start. He may ask for the geographical locations that you frequent most along with times of day that coincide with TPI events. The Mentor Coordinator will attempt to provide the most convenient travel plan. For instances, with JGroups that typically meet on a weekday evening, you may pick a JMan from near your work location and drop him off near your home location. Mentors are not specifically matched with JMen, and drivers may provide rides to a variety of TPI members, including mentors who cannot or do not drive, depending on what is most convenient for the driver at the time. Travel logistics for all TPI events are reported to the mentors via email through the TPI Yahoo Group. Please contact the Mentor Coordinator to be included in this electronic communications list. Calls regarding travel logistics can be made to drivers as well, but email is preferred.