# GOV. BRIAN WELLS NEBRASKA-IOWA 2025-2026

# Lt. Governor Training

May 2-3, 2025

KIWANIS

**ROCKS!** 

Holiday Inn Express – Fremont, Nebraska



**Kiwanis International President Elect** 





#### 2025-2026 District Theme

### **KIWANIS ROCKS!!!**



# 2025-2026 District Goals

- All NE-IA clubs finish the 2026 Kiwanis year with a +1 membership
- All NE-IA clubs sponsors/co-sponsors an SLP club
- Establish a Governor's Award for Excellence for clubs sponsoring all 5 levels of SLPs
- Open three new Kiwanis clubs within the NE-IA District
- Each club/division offers to assist the music department of their local school district in some fashion to benefit the children and community musically (Kiwanis Rocks theme)
- Grow Kiwanis Leadership Culture by using ACE Tools, CLE, Amplify and Dynamic Example Leadership at all levels of the Kiwanis Family from Clubs to SLPs to Division to District and beyond
- Make Kiwanis fun and to remember Kiwanis Rocks!!

#### International Conventions

2025 – Pittsburgh, PA June 25-28
2026 – Manilla, Philippines June 25-27

# Youth Protection

District Youth Protection Manager Linda Placzek

#### **YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES & PROCEDURES** UPDATED OCTOBER 2022

These policies can be found in Kiwanis International Policies and Procedures as **Procedure 432**. *All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis event are required to read/understand, agree to and abide by these policies.* 

**EDUCATION:** Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these policies, best practices and required actions for individuals who become aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. This education must occur annually, including providing a copy of these policies to each club member. Every Kiwanis district is expected to provide an educational forum or workshop at every district-produced convention and conference regarding policies and best practices for adults working with youth, using materials provided by Kiwanis International.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Kiwanis International requires clubs to have a clear criminal history background check for any club member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Programs club. The check must be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. Any person without a clear criminal history background check may not serve as the advisor. Approved background checks shall be valid for no more than two years. Kiwanis advisors shall acquire a new criminal history background check upon their initial appointment to the position.

CHAPERONE: A chaperone is defined as a Kiwanis member, faculty member, parent, legal guardian or person who is in loco parentis, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who has been approved by the school or agency and registered with the school or agency to accompany the youth members at the specific event. All chaperones (club members and non-members) participating in any single-day or overnight Service Leadership Programs event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International youth protection training. Additionally, chaperones must follow all applicable policies and procedures.

**CHAPERONES FOR OVERNIGHT EVENTS:** A minimum of one adult per 10 students must be serving as chaperones during the entirety of an overnight event.

**CHAPERONES FOR SINGLE-DAY EVENTS:** A minimum of one adult per 50 students must be serving as chaperones during the entirety of a single-day event.

**OVERNIGHT EVENTS:** All adults (club members and non-members) registered for or staying overnight at any Service Leadership Programs event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International annual youth protection training. However, parents/guardians of participating students who are not chaperones may attend the event for a maximum of one overnight stay without a criminal history background check.

**OVERNIGHT STAYS:** While attending a Kiwanis event that requires an overnight stay in a hotel or camp/ conference setting, adequate adult chaperoning is expected and must include no fewer than one adult male for each ten or part of ten youth males, and one adult female for each ten or part of ten youth females. Except for a parent sharing a sleeping room or other sleeping quarters (e.g., a tent) with his/her own child, no adult should share a hotel or dormitory sleeping room or other sleeping quarters consist of multiple beds (such as in a bunkhouse or camp cabin), adults may share the sleeping quarters with youth members of the same gender, provided that two or more adults are present.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS FOR SERVICE

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS:** Kiwanis International requires all SLP district administrators to complete an application process, which includes submission of a completed application, having a clear background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International, completion of Kiwanis International youth protection training and any other elements that may be required by Kiwanis International. After receipt of an individual's application and verification of all required elements, Kiwanis International will review the information and decide, in

