

GENERATION 2026

ADVANCING SAFER YOUTH-INCLUSIVE SPORTS

CHILD SAFEGUARDING IN SPORT PROGRAMS IN CITIES: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

an initiative of



Centre for Sport
& Human Rights



TORONTO

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY

GUADALAJARA

THE OPPORTUNITY

As part of the [Generation 2026](#) project, the Centre for Sport and Human Rights will work with at least one **local sport organization**¹ in each of these three cities/regions (**New York City & New Jersey, Guadalajara, and Toronto**) through the summer of 2026 to increase child safeguarding in sport capacity to prevent child sexual abuse and other forms of abuse in sport. Safeguarding refers to all actions, practices, policies and procedures that are implemented across an organization to prevent and respond to harm and abuse. CSHR will provide each local sport organization and venue with the following:

- Assessment and draft action plan on child safeguarding in sport
- Training, consultation, and support to assess, develop, refine and implement child safeguarding in sport policies and programs
- Dedicated technical assistance (not case related nor case consultation) provided by international [experts](#), including those based in North America
- Access to special events and trainings bringing together international experts and best practices

¹ This includes local youth-serving organizations with sport programs.



- Evaluation expertise to support program implementation

EXPECTATIONS & TIMELINE

Interested local sport organizations will be expected to respond to a call for applications due May 22, 2024. Selected organizations will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to the following:

- **August 2024:** Identify one primary point of contact² for CSHR to liaise with and finalize MOU
- **September 2024 - Summer 2026:** Participate in quarterly calls led by CSHR
- **September/October 2024:** Attend a 2-day training locally convened and provided by CSHR
- **November:** Complete a needs assessment / baseline survey on child safeguarding in sport and organizational culture
- **February 2025:** Following the needs assessment, CSHR will draft an action plan tailored to each organization and provide modern best practice safety recommendations, and each organization will commit to implementing the agreed upon action plan
- **December 2024 - Fall 2025:** Attend regular virtual working group meetings to be part of a community of practice in North America
- **2025 - Summer 2026:** Work with CSHR to implement Child Safeguarding in Sport Action Plan and provide feedback to inform ongoing evaluation efforts

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CRITERIA & SUBMISSION PROCESS

CRITERIA:

- Local sport organization in New York City, New Jersey, Guadalajara, or Toronto
 - Priority will be given to grassroots or community sport organizations and soccer organizations
- Organizations serving equity-denied groups, underserved or under resourced are encouraged to apply
- Youth-serving organization (serving youth under the age 18)

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

Please complete the online expression of interest form on [this link](#) by May 22, 2024.

APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

- **April 22** - Expression of Interest applications posted online and distributed to organizations
- **May 22** - Expression of Interest due
- **June 22** - Organizations selected
- **August 30** - MOU completed
- **September** - Quarterly calls begin

² Examples include: HR representative, Safety Director, or other roles.

