



August 15, 2008

Board of Directors, Youth Educated in Safety
c/o Terri McCormick, Board Chair
McCormick Dawson, CPG
W6140 Long Court
Appleton, WI 54914

Dear Ms. McCormick,

Having reviewed the information you provided over the past months, the AMECO Board of Directors has determined that the not for profit organization known as Youth Educated in Safety (YES) currently does not meet AMECO's membership requirements. Therefore, we have no option other than to terminate YES' membership at this time.

As you have shared with us, Youth Educated in Safety has been working through substantial changes in many areas: organizational structure, mission, internal process, and services, to name but a few. This evolution was brought to our attention both by past and present officers within your organization as well as by the media.

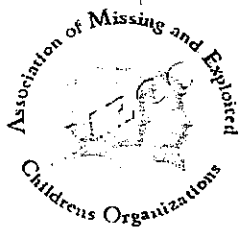
Out of concern over these issues, the AMECO Board of Directors requested clarification (of the many rumors and allegations as well as for clarification - *delete blue words*) of YES' current organizational status and services (provided - *delete "provided"*). Having reviewed all the information you provided, we have concluded that Youth Educated in Safety currently is not providing services to families of missing and exploited children. Thus, YES no longer meets AMECO's membership requirements.

Thank you for clarifying the challenges you are addressing in your organization. We wish you success in resolving your issues and objectives. If, in the future, you wish to reapply as Youth Educated in Safety or as any other organization that meets AMECO's standards and membership requirements, we gladly will work with you at that time.

Sincerely,

Beth Alberts
President

Cc AMECO Board of Directors and Executive Director



Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations (AMECO)

Code of Ethics

Note - This is an abridged version. The Code of Ethics complete with guidelines and examples of ethical and unethical practices may be viewed and downloaded from AMECO's extranet.

As a member organization of AMECO, we pledge to abide by the following:

1. Members shall avoid even the appearance of any criminal offense or professional misconduct.
2. Members shall accurately state their experience, qualifications and expertise.
3. Members shall not disclose privileged information to unauthorized parties.
4. Members shall take care to ensure that all solicitation materials are accurate and correctly reflect the organization's mission and use of solicited funds.
5. Members shall comply with all applicable local, state, provincial and federal civil and criminal law.
6. Members shall treat the missing child and family members in a most humane, respectful, responsible and non-degrading manner.
7. Members shall verify all paperwork, warrants, and documents without which might lead to unnecessary harm to innocent persons.
8. Members shall act in a manner of conduct that will bring credit to the cause of missing and exploited children, ourselves, the Not for Profit Organization (NPO) we represent and our Association.
9. Members shall report all facts developed in a case in a prompt and timely manner in order to assist law enforcement in the recovery of the child and the apprehension of any known suspects.
10. Members shall perform all fund raising activities in a legal manner that will bring credit to all missing children's NPO's, without exploiting the families we represent and the children we are trying to help.
11. Members agree to charge no fees to missing children's client families in the recovery process, nor directly solicit donations as a contingency for services provided, nor otherwise ask for expense reimbursement, except as provided herein, nor otherwise financially exploit client families.

Allowable reimbursable expenses shall be strictly limited to extraordinary travel and per diem costs that are actual, necessary, reasonable, and that are used directly for the investigation, location and recovery of a missing child. Unless otherwise provided, these expenses shall be limited to the actual, necessary, and reasonable costs for airfare, ground transportation, lodging, subsistence/meal costs and reasonable other, nominal, out-of-pocket expenses. No expense or payment may be collected from missing children's client families as a contingency for providing services to cover facilities costs (rent, utilities, etc.), equipment, supplies, salaries (including compensation for time lost from another position), or an independent contractor's fee.
12. In all dealings with fellow AMECO members, we agree to conduct ourselves in a cooperative manner and shall aid AMECO in furthering the positive image of our cause by working together to obtain its goals and objectives.
13. All client families will be made aware of the AMECO Code of Ethics and information on how to file a complaint with AMECO.

I certify that I have read and that our organization subscribes to the AMECO Code of Ethics. By virtue of signing this Code, I pledge that my organization will abide by this Code and acknowledge that a violation on the part of my organization may result in action by the AMECO Ethics Committee.

Organization

Executive Director's Signature

Date