



The Monique Burr Foundation for Children (MBF), in an effort to help athletic organizations protect youth athletes, is developing the *MBF Athlete Safety Matters™* program for athletes of all levels.

*MBF Athlete Safety Matters* is a comprehensive, evidence-informed, primary prevention education program that educates and empowers young athletes in grades kindergarten through five with knowledge and strategies to help safe adults protect them from sexual abuse and other types of victimization including bullying, harassment, physical abuse, emotional abuse, cyberbullying, and other digital dangers.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Program Highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Based on research and best-practices to provide athletes with strategies to protect them from multiple types of victimization.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meets the legislative requirement of the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 for athlete prevention education.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Currently available for athletes in grades kindergarten through five. Additional grades will be added in 2019.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Benefits to Athletes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Age and developmentally appropriate personal safety education.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fun and engaging lessons for youth athletes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes information about all types of victimization: sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, bullying, cyberbullying, and digital safety.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Teaches 5 easy-to-remember Safety Rules they can use in any unsafe situation to get help from Safe Adults.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Benefits to Organizations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Online training for facilitators (coaches, parent volunteers, etc.).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Easy to implement and time efficient delivery via recorded webinars and facilitator guide.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can be presented in a group setting or taken online by individuals.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes reinforcement items for parents, organizations, and athletes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MBF provides ongoing training, technical assistance, reporting, and customer service.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We anticipate a pilot of MBF Athlete Safety Matters beginning no later than October 1, 2018. If you would like to participate in the pilot or receive updates and pricing information on the program's general release and availability, please email <a href="mailto:Stacy@mbfpreventioneducation.org">Stacy@mbfpreventioneducation.org</a>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <a href="http://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org">www.mbfpreventioneducation.org</a> for additional resources including free online professional development courses.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>About the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.</b></p> <p>Founded in 1997, the Monique Burr Foundation for Children (MBF) is a leader in protecting children. MBF's sole focus is on prevention education, and they currently have two evidence-informed prevention education programs that <b>have reached over TWO MILLION</b> children and teens <b>since 2010</b>: <i>MBF Child Safety Matters®</i> (grades K-5) and <i>MBF Teen Safety Matters®</i> (grades 6-8). The programs have been reviewed and endorsed by leading experts and they educate and empower children and adults to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to all types of abuse, bullying and cyberbullying, and all types of digital dangers.</p>	