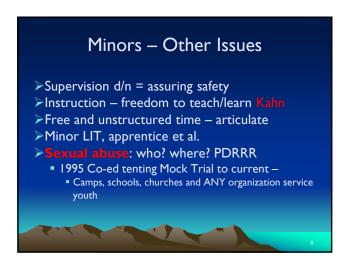






Minors – Some issues Helicopter parents; divorced parents The "new" kid Marketing tension – what parents want vs... The triangle: OPC – recognize and address Info Exchange is key: accurate, balanced Minors (and parents): personal responsibility







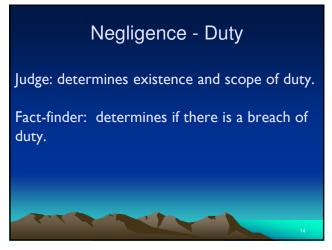
Tort – Negligence Zeroing In The standard of care forms the basis for the duty owed in a negligence claim: The duty to exercise reasonable care to protect others from unreasonable risks of harm.



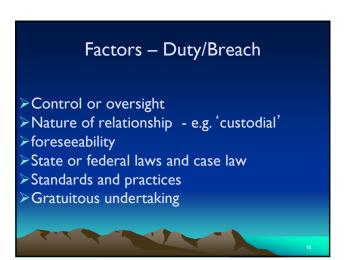












Factors – Duty/Breach Your internal policies (oral or written)* Staff words or conduct* Representations in your external materials* Your contracts* Known problem that isn't fixed After program contacts *Camp Sunshine *Information exchange







Chavez v. City of Santa Fe Springs 2011 Cal. App. Unpub. Lexis 9462

- City sponsored high school youth trip to Mt. Whitney state park.
- City employees chaperoned trip; no chap, training and attending teens not required to have experience to attend.
- Parent meeting: assurance that children would be safe and "supervised at all times."
- > Parent signs aar/release/indemnity for 16 yr. old son John.
- Trip itinerary reflecting 'some free time' not distributed to parents.
- Day 2: 3 boys, including John, obtained permission from chaperone to hike to a waterfall I mile from campsite.
- Boys stepped out on rocks above falls; 2 boys returned to shore, admonishing John to come back. He did not. Fall resulting in death.
- Lawsuit by mother against City and supervising employee for herself and on behalf of her son's estate: negligence and gross negligence.
- City: PAR and release form signeds by parent barred claims.

 Lower court granted City's motion and dismissed release, no g.n.
- Plaintiff appeals

Nowlin v. Moravian Church, et al., 745 S.E. 2nd 51 (N.C. 2013)

- ➤ 16 yr. old Summer Nowlin attended defendant's summer camp.
- Last night: campers participated in "The Game." The goal: campers sneak around camp staff members at night, through a wooded area, and ring a bell on a hilltop.
- Summer's Game partner was camper Molly. Summer and Molly met with camp staff members Crawford and Harrison. Molly left with Harrison, leaving Summer alone with Crawford.
- Summer alleged that when she and Crawford were alone, he kissed her, pushed and held her down, and engaged in sexual intercourse.
- After the incident, she did not initially report (2-3 mos. later).
- Crawford initially denied incident but later claimed it was consensual
- Complaint by Summer and father against Camp: negligent failure to provide safe environment; negligent hiring/ret./supervision of staff. Camp: Motion for SMJ before trial to dismiss on both counts.

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