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1	1993		National Child Protection Act of 1993 signed into law	
2	1993	HR 2132	ACA begins monitoring HR2132 (Shays, CT) on camp safety	
3	fall 1994	HR 2132	HR 2132 dies in committee	
4	Mar-95	HR 1194	ACA begins monitoring HR 1194 (Shays, CT) on camp safety	
5	fall 1996	HR 1194	HR 1194 dies in committee	
6	Jan-97	HR 298	ACA begins monitoring HR 298 (Shays, CT) on camp safety	
7	fall 1998	HR 298	HR 298 dies in committee	
8	Oct-98		Volunteers for Children Act an Amendment to the National Child Protection Act of 1993 signed into law	
9	1998		Standards Revision	ACA Accreditation Standards Revisions include requirement for staff screening including criminal background checks or voluntary disclosure statement, reference checks and verification of previous work history, and personal interviews.
10	spring 1999	HR 266	ACA begins monitoring HR 266 (Shays CT) on camp safety.	

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11	fall 1999		ACA National Public Policy committee selects criminal background checks as a top priority of the association and makes that recommendation to the National Board.	
12	Mar-00		ACA National Public Policy Committee completes a member survey to gather background data. Seven questions related to criminal background checks.	
13	spring 2000	HR 4424	ACA National Public Policy Committee begins working with Rep. Pete Sessions (TX) on his legislation to allow a temporary alternative to fingerprint checks. HR 4424 introduced in May 2000.	
14	spring 2000	HR 4424	ACA Action plan to promote HR 4424 put into effect	
15	spring 2000		Discussions with the National Assembly on possible coalition on criminal background checks	
16	Jul-00		Inventory of State Camp Regulations completed by Mary Dagley	
17	Aug-00		Draft ACA national position paper on criminal background checks completed	
18	Oct-00	HR 4424	HR 4424 dies in committee	
19	Oct-00	HR 266	HR 266 dies in committee	
20	Nov-00		ACA national position paper on criminal background checks accepted by the board and referred to the Council of Delegates	

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21	Feb-01		ACA national position paper on criminal background checks adopted by the Council of Delegates	
22	Feb-01		ACA draft national position paper on camp safety developed and held for future adoption	
23	fall 2001	HR 2451	ACA begins monitoring HR 2451 (Shays CT) on camp safety	
24	Feb-02	SB 1868	ACA national leadership training held in Washington DC focusing on advocacy.	Participants briefed on ACA position on CSC and support for SB 1868 (Biden). Participants made 88 hill visits.
25	Apr-02		ACA National Public Policy Committee reaffirms criminal background checks as a top priority of the committee.	
26	spring 2002	SB 19868	ACA National Public Policy Committee maintains contact with Senator Biden's office and continues to promote action on SB1868 including action by Section legislative liaisons.	
27	spring 2002	SB 1868	ACA works with National Mentoring Partnership on criminal background check issue and promotion of SB1868	
28	Nov-02	SB 1868	S 1868 fails in last minutes of legislative session	
29	Feb-03		ACA National Public Policy Committee makes contact with Senator Biden's office to assess legislative climate for action on CBC.	Told that Biden is attempting to work with Sen Hatch to draft legislation.

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30	Apr-03	S 1868	Protect Act signed into law establishing pilot program for nonprofit criminal background checks and assessment of the criminal background check system.	This legislation appeared to be a compromise from S 1868 during the previous session.
31	May-03	HR 2145	ACA begins monitoring HR 2145 (Andrews - NJ) on camp safety.	
32	Oct-03		ACA national policy position on camp safety revised, accepted by the board of directors and referred to the Council of Delegates.	
33	Feb-04		ACA national policy position on camp safety adopted by the Council of Delegates	
34	Jun-04		Updated Inventory of State Camp Regulations begun by Rachel Williams, completed September 2004	
35	Oct-04	S 2882	S 2882 (Hatch, UT) introduced to make pilot provisions of the Protect Act permanent. ACA monitoring.	
<b>Written Materials</b>				
1	Oct-93		Camp Line article "Getting References - The Task of Finding Good Staff: Should You Do Anything Different in Hiring by Marge Scanlin	
2	Feb-94		Camp Line article - "National Child Protection Act of 1993"	

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3	Mar-94		Camping Magazine article - "Legislative Report: National Child Protection Act" by David Gray, Darrow Milgrim and John Miller
4	Jan-95		Camp Line article - "Criminal Background Checks for Camp Staff" by David Gray, ACA Legislative Affairs
5	May-95		Camp Line article - "Effective Screening Practices of Child Care and Youth Service Workers" by David Gray, ACA Legislative Affairs
6	May-95		Camping Magazine article - "ACA Legislative Report: Criminal Background Checks" by David Gray, ACA Legislative Affairs
7	Jul-95		Camping Magazine article - "ACA Legislative Report: Youth Service Workers Screening Practices" by David Gray, ACA Legislative Affairs
8	Sep-96		Camping Magazine article - "Sexual Abuse and Molestation Concerns" by Ed Schirick
9	Jan-97		Camp Line article - "Screening for Child Abuse"
10	Jan-97		Camp Line article - "They're Coming Back! What Do You Know About Them? Thoughts on Rehiring Staff"
11	May-97		Camp Line article - "Effective Screening of Camp Staff"
12	May-97		Camp Line article - "National Child Protection Act Update" by David Gray, ACA Legislative Affairs

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13	Nov-97		Camping Magazine article - "Encountering Child Abuse at Camp" by John K. Durall, M.A., MFCC
14	Oct-98		Camp Line article - "Checking Criminal Histories"
15	Mar-99		Camping Magazine article - Risk Management: Lessons Learned" by Ed Schirick
16	Oct-99		Camp Line article - "Using Commercial Background Checking Services"
17	Jan-00		Camp Line article - "Risk Management and Negligent Hiring Under New Federal Law" by Jody A. Gorran, National Foundation to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse
18	Jan-00		Camp Line article - "Access to FBI Fingerprint Records" by Jody A. Gorran, National Foundation to Prevent Child Abuse
19	May-00		Camp Line article - "Staffing Concerns: Background Checks"
20	Oct-00		Camp Line article - "Criminal Background Checks"
21	Oct-01		Camp Line article - "Important Legislative Update" Criminal Background Checks subsection by Don Reigle, APCO Legislative Consultant
22	Feb-02		Camp Line article - Criminal Background Checks Update"
23	Mar-03		Camp Line article - "Using Commercial Background Checking Services"
24	Spring 2003		Camp Line article - "Criminal Background Checks Update" - also Website Public Policy Update

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25	Fall 2003		Camp Line article - "Verifying the Background of Staff and Volunteers: A Primer" by Ed Schirick, President of Schirick and Assoc Insurance Brokers
<b>Web Updates</b>			
1	Apr-01		Website Public Policy Update - HR2245
2	Jul-01		Website Public Policy Update - Criminal Background Checks
3	Mar-03		Website Public Policy Update - Background Checks: Implications of the Volunteers for Children Act
4	Apr-04		Website Public Policy Link to National Mentoring Partnership Protect Act Information