



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

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Dear Parent/Guardians

You are receiving this email because your child or children have been registered in Mini U Programs during the summer of 2016.

The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) arrested and charged today an individual named Daniel Kamenicky with criminal offences related to child pornography (http://winnipeg.ca/police/press/2016/08aug/2016_08_29.aspx). According to WPS, the accused worked as a children's entertainer operating a magic show under the name of 'Magic Dan'. This individual was contracted for two weeks by Mini U during the summer of 2016 (July 11 to 15 and July 25 to 29, 2016) as well as on four previous occasions since 2012. He was contracted to work in the Magic Mania camp classroom.

The police investigation is ongoing. The WPS has at this time assured Mini U that there is no reason to believe that any incidents happened during this individual's involvement with Mini U.

Providing a safe environment for Mini U participants is our top priority. We take precautions to ensure that Mini U participants are safe and in no danger. Mini U has systems in place to provide a safe and supportive environment for participants and staff. To work at Mini U, all staff members must submit current a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check. The individual did submit a current Criminal Record Check and a current Child Abuse Registry Check every year that he was contracted by Mini U. These checks showed no previous criminal record or child abuse, and cleared the individual to work as a contracted instructor. This individual would have been accompanied in the classroom by a full time Mini U employee.

Through our intensive training program Mini U staff is trained to identify and instructed that they are legally required to report any suspicion or disclosure of abuse under Section 18 of the Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba. While the accused was working in the Magic Mania classroom, no suspicious or questionable behaviour was observed or reported during weekly performance reviews.

We understand that you may have questions and we have established an information line (204-474-6359). If you have any concerns or questions a staff member will return your call as soon as possible. If you have information for WPS you can call 204-986-3296.

Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed of relevant information relating to Mini U participants and programs.

Sincerely,

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