



Safeguarding God's Children In the Diocese of Western Michigan

Train-the-trainers seminars

Our current status

As of March 2007, we have at least 2 trainers in each Deanery.

The trainers are volunteers and are asked to perform 2 certification workshops each year. They chose the time and place of the workshops. In order to keep up to the high standards of the program, we have 2 trainers leading each workshop.

Our goal

It is our goal in the Diocese of Western Michigan that we have 2 trainers in each parish. But until that goal is reached we continue to have as many quality workshops each year. With more trainers we can have more workshops, which means that more people can help support the safety of our children and youth.

Who can become a trainer for Safeguarding God's Children?

Trainers in the diocese of Western Michigan are adults over the age of 21 who have a passion for the safety of our children and youth. People are invited to attend and become a trainer with a recommendation of their parish clergyperson, or the Bishop if you are clergy.

What is the time commitment?

To become a trainer, you must attend a train-the-trainers seminar. Attendees will participate in *Safeguarding God's Children* as if it were an actual 3-hour certification workshop. They will receive in-depth information on training methods using *Safeguarding God's Children* materials, review typical questions that may arise and how to respond to them, learn how to pace the training, and other practical suggestions. There will be ample time for discussion. This is a total of 5 hours.

Once you are a trainer, you are asked to have 2 workshops a year. You and your co-trainer can choose the time, date and location. Sometimes we have requests from parishes to have a workshop in a particular place – I will pass those requests along to you. That's a total of 4 hours twice a year (with set up and travel time).

Is there a stipend?

We do not currently have a stipend for trainers – this is a volunteer position.

Is there a cost for the Seminar?

The cost of the Train-the-Trainer Seminars, including lunch, will be absorbed in the Diocesan Budget.

Who will present the material at the Seminars?

The Rev. Paula Durren, rector of Church of the Mediator at Harbert

Ms. Pam Fenno, Social Worker in Kalamazoo County

Ms. Gennie Callard, Assistant to the Bishop for Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

How do I register for the training?

Register by contacting Gennie Callard at least one week before the event. Please leave your name, phone number, e-mail and parish. gcallard@edwm.org * (269) 381-2710