



Online Safe Environment Training Diocese of Worcester

The Diocese of Worcester has contracted the services of nationally-recognized Dallas Child Advocacy Center to offer online safe environment training 24 x 7 to staff and volunteers. This has been customized for our diocese and is offered free of charge to all diocesan, parish and school employees and volunteers.

How do I access the training?

In order to access the training, we need to EMAIL AN INVITATION for the program to you. That invite is unique to you. When you click on the link it will automatically go to the program which will allow you to test your knowledge before and after watching the 30 minute video. If you need to stop the video at any point and return to it later, the system will remember where you left off. You can also watch it any number of times (or share it with family and friends) for up to one year.

How do I prove I have completed training?

At the conclusion of the training, you will again take the test that was given at the outset. If you pass the test, you can then print a certificate of completion. As an employee or volunteer you must submit a copy of the certificate to the parish or school Safe Environment Coordinator. That copy will be kept on file at the institution. The parish or school will notify the Office of Healing and Prevention when a certificate is received so that the diocesan database (ParishSoft Safe Environment Program) will be updated to include the date of completion of training.

How often must I be trained?

Training is only required once. HOWEVER, it would be best practice to refresh your knowledge. If you participated in training some years ago, we can send an email invite to you to do this training. Certainly staff and volunteers with direct responsibility for youth and young people should be encouraged to take this as a refresher every 3 to 5 years.

Who sends the invites?

During the first few months of implementation (beginning December 1, 2014) we will issue the invites from the Office of Healing and Prevention to monitor the program. The person needing to be trained should email cpeloquin@worcesterdiocese.org. Within a few months, we will be training Safe Environment Coordinators and Catholic School Administrators to act as 'facilitators' with the ability to invite their own staff and volunteers to take the training.

Will there still be on-site, group training?

The Diocese will continue to promote locations holding on-site training being offered by the locally trained facilitators for those individuals who do not feel comfortable with online training, or have no email access, or prefer a setting in which questions can be asked. Visit worcesterdiocese.org/healing.

How do we get access to local materials?

The Office of Healing and Prevention section of the diocesan website (worcesterdiocese.org) will continue to have fact sheets and materials related to reporting suspected abuse, especially if you must file a 51A to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a mandated reporter.

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