



EPISCOPAL DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE MISCONDUCT PREVENTION PROGRAM

At congregations and schools across the country, employees, volunteers, educators, parents, and children are participating in special training programs.

The training is part of the Diocesan Child Abuse Misconduct Prevention Program. The requirements for this Program are drawn from Resolution B008 on the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse, adopted at the 74th General Convention in 2003, reaffirming the Bishops' commitment to protect children.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

In response to the Program initiative, Shield the Vulnerable created "Recognize, Report & Prevent Child Abuse," an individualized, interactive online course. No special hardware, software, or training necessary. Just a PC or Mac and Internet access. **The course takes 1 – 1.5 hours** and you can pause and return anytime to the same place and finish the course. Just remember your Login-ID & Password.

HOW TO TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE

- 1 **Go To:** shieldthevulnerable.org
- 2 **Click "1st Time Diocese Signup" tab**
- 3 **Select your diocese from list of dioceses**
- 4 **Complete the Registration:**
 - ▶ **User/Login Tab:** fill in the requested information and create your own login. Only one person can be named on the registration.
 - ▶ **Diocesan Affiliation Tab:** Select who you are employee, volunteer, or parent.
 - ▶ **Occupation Tab:** whatever your diocesan affiliation you **MUST** identify whether you're mandatory or ethical reporter.
 - ▶ **Background Check Tab:** If your diocese requires a background check, this tab will appear.
 - ▶ **Summary Tab:** review your registration and if correct and you "Accept" the license, click "Confirm Registration."
- 5 **Click "Start" button on My Course page.**
- 6 **Acknowledge Diocesan Policies and print your Certificate of Completion**

WHAT ADULTS WILL LEARN

- ▶ What are the different types of abuse & neglect
- ▶ How to recognize the signs of abuse & neglect
- ▶ How to protect a child who is a victim of abuse
- ▶ What constitutes "reasonable suspicion"
- ▶ When & how to make a report under state law
- ▶ Potential penalties for not reporting
- ▶ What are the Diocesan standards of conduct

The online course will challenge and engage adults to help them learn, build, and retain valuable skills to save children from abuse and neglect. Besides the text-based teaching, the course uses interactive techniques and role-play around real-world situations.

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Challenge
Imagine that you're supervising a youth group during an overnight outing.

After a few hours with the children, you begin to suspect that one child, Samantha, age 15, may be a victim of abuse or neglect.

Based on things Samantha has said ("I hate myself"), her behavior (she's timid, quiet, and shy), and poor physical condition (she's thin, her clothes are old and dirty, and she needs a bath) you suspect Samantha may be an abused or neglected child.

You're thinking about calling local Child Protective Services about Samantha. Which of the following statements is true?

- 1. If you call the agency but are wrong (i.e., Samantha isn't being abused), you can go to jail for making a false report.
- 2. If you don't call the agency but are right (i.e., Samantha is being abused), you can go to jail for failing to make a report.
- 3. Neither of the above is true.

Are you sure about 1? We'd like you to consider your answer as you read through the course. We'll keep track of your answer. Near the end, we'll return to this Challenge to give you a chance to answer it again and see if your answer changes!

For Help: Please call Shield the Vulnerable at 800-652-9546.