

Want to know about....**UNY's SAFE SANCTUARIES® TRAINING?**

Who needs training?

All adults who have regular and direct contact with children, youth and vulnerable adults in the churches' ministries such as pastors, youth group leaders, Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School coordinators, music leaders, after-school program workers, home visitors, respite care workers.

What training is needed?

Acceptable training needs to include these topics: the need for Safe Sanctuaries, types and signs of abuse, recognizing signs of abuse and neglect, basic procedures in hiring/selecting workers, basic procedures in supervising workers and program participants, responding when abuse or neglect is disclosed or suspected, and reporting abuse.

An Annual Orientation/update is also required. See "What to know about....The Annual Update" for more information.

Is training available from the Upper New York Conference?

Yes! A 3-hour standardized course has been developed and is offered by the Safe Sanctuaries Team. This training includes the needed topics.

What is the training like?

It is a 3-hour course with 2 of the 3 hours working with a small group to complete activities at six learning stations.

What are the topic at the learning stations?

- >Why Sanctuaries? (Biblically and statistically)
- >The Nuts and Bolts of Safe Sanctuaries (best practices)
- >Abuse: The Types, Signs, and Effects
- >Responding and Reporting Abuse
- >Beyond Sunday School and Youth Group
- >Beyond the Walls of the Church

The course will not directly assist in Safe Sanctuaries policy and procedure development nor does it address topics related to "sanctuary churches," sexual harassment, or active shooters.

What are participants saying about the course?

Evaluations are very positive. Participants like the learning station format, working with others and how fast the three hours go. They also believe they are accomplishing the course objectives.

Who facilitates the course?

Every UNY District has a group of volunteer trainers who have been prepared by the Safe Sanctuaries Team to facilitate the course. They are re-certified every year.

These trainers are the only ones who can facilitate the UNY Safe Sanctuaries training.

District offices have a roster of certified trainers.

Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries Training of Trainers is offered several time a year at various locations around Upper New York. The basic three-hour course is a prerequisite for Training of Trainers.

Information based on 2011 UNY Safe Sanctuaries Policy and The Minimum Standards (2016). Both can be found at www.unyumc.org

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