

Want to know about **how to arrange an UNY Safe Sanctuaries® Training?**

How do we get started?

There are basically two ways to get started in arranging training:

1. Contact your District Office. The Administrative Assistant (AA) has a list of certified* trainers. Some AAs are active in setting up training, some AAs prefer trainers make arrangements and sometimes it is a combination of these. AAs usually are “keepers” of the supplies trainers use and assist with publicity.
2. Contact a certified* trainer. Be sure they are currently certified, contact the District office.

*A certified trainer has completed the basic 3 hour SS training plus 3 hour Training of Trainers course. They have also re-certified every year by completing a questionnaire and signing an agreement. (There are some who do not take care of this re-certification process so think they are certified when they really aren't.)

We are in contact with a trainer, what's next?

These three pieces need to be worked out:

1. two trainers are available and committed (modeling the 2-adult rule),
2. a suitable location needs to be established,
3. a date/time needs to be determined.

What is a suitable location?

A suitable location depends on the size of the group anticipated. The location needs to be handicapped accessible and enough tables for learning stations to be set up. There are 6 learning stations so 6 tables with chairs are needed. (If the group is smaller, not all stations need to be set up at the same time.) A TV and DVD player are needed. Trainers can provide a Host Church Expectations document.

There are two trainers, a suitable location and a date. What's next?

Publicize the event to churches in your area. AAs can assist with this.

Pre-registration is helpful so trainers and host church know how many to expect.

Have someone on hand to check folks in on arrival.

On training day, participate enthusiastically. What is something you learned or relearned? How will this improve your church's ministry and reduce the risk of abuse?

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