

Safeguarding God's Children

What do members of your mission center know about sexual abuse of young people? Would you like to offer high-quality training for them on this topic? Resources for this training are available here in the Nebraska Synod!

Safeguarding God's Children (SGC) is a program geared at preventing and responding to child sexual abuse in everyday life and ministry. SGC training takes approximately 2-3 hours and consists of watching short videos and engaging in small and large group discussions. A trained facilitator using prepared materials leads sessions.

Over two dozen rostered and lay leaders in the Nebraska Synod ELCA have been trained as facilitators, and several training kits have been purchased for the synod with assistance from Thrivent. If you would like to offer this training to your congregation or to both paid and volunteer staff who work with children, the steps are easy. Simply:

- Get in touch with a Safeguarding God's Children facilitator to schedule a training that works for you. Facilitators' contact information is available from Kathy Paisley or Lisa Kramme (see below).
- Facilitators do not require any payment for their time, but please discuss payment of mileage. The volunteer rate used by the Nebraska Synod Office is \$.30/mile.
- The facilitator will let you know what equipment s/he will need (like a TV/DVD/VCR) and what handouts you may be asked to copy.

For more information on Safeguarding God's Children and hosting a training, please contact:

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