

CALLING all volunteers!

Education and Training

TRAINING FOR CLERGY, EMPLOYEES, CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION, AND VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE REGULAR CONTACT WITH MINORS

CMG connect is a new web-based platform that will assist us to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our schools and parishes are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide pro-active measures for preventing abuse in any context.

“Safe Haven-It’s Up to You” is a three-part video which provides vignettes of real-life situations to educate the viewer about methods of grooming, desensitization, bullying, and neglect, all of which can lead to abuse. Each part of the video is immediately followed by a brief questionnaire to further develop understanding.

Education is the key element of the Safe Environment program. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel and volunteers over **the age of 18, who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, and adults with special needs** are required to complete the Diocesan Safe Environment Online Training. All individuals listed above must submit to a criminal background check before **they may begin employment or volunteer with ministries, groups, movements, and organizations.**

In addition, all individuals listed above must complete the mandatory online refresher training each year upon the year anniversary of the prior training and submit a new background check every 5 years as a condition of continued ministry and/or continued employment in the Diocese of Evansville. To take the Safe Haven basic program simply click on the link below:

Step 1: Go To evansville.cmgconnect.org/

If you have volunteered and completed a background check within the past FIVE years, login with an existing account

Username: *(first name as it appears on your driver’s license)* **Firstname.Lastname.evdio**

Password: *(initial password)* **1234**

If this does not work, **create an account**

Step 2: SELECT one or both of the following links on the Evansville.cmgconnect.org website

A .Background Check – Evansville

please only select if have not completed a background check screening in the last FIVE years through the diocese, Good Shepherd School.

B. Safe Environment Curriculum – Evansville

Includes: Safe Haven - It's Up to You video; Diocese Code/Policy; Acknowledgement Questions

(tip: complete each section prior to leaving the section, it will start you from the beginning if a section is not completed.)

Being this is a new system for the diocese, each individual is required to complete the initial safe environment curriculum, which is about 55 minutes. Note the annual review is about 12 minutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Schuler @ mschuler@evdio.org

Thank you for your service!