

The Office of Child and
Youth Protection of the
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Working together....



- Partnership with Catholic Charities' Child Safe Program
 - ❖ Creating safe environments
 - ❖ Defining and reinforcing boundaries



Working together....

- Partnership with Catholic Charities' Child Safe Program
 - ❖ Talking with your children about abuse
 - ❖ Implementing safe environment updates in Catechesis for Human Sexuality
- Policy/procedures “refresher” training
- Internal Audits

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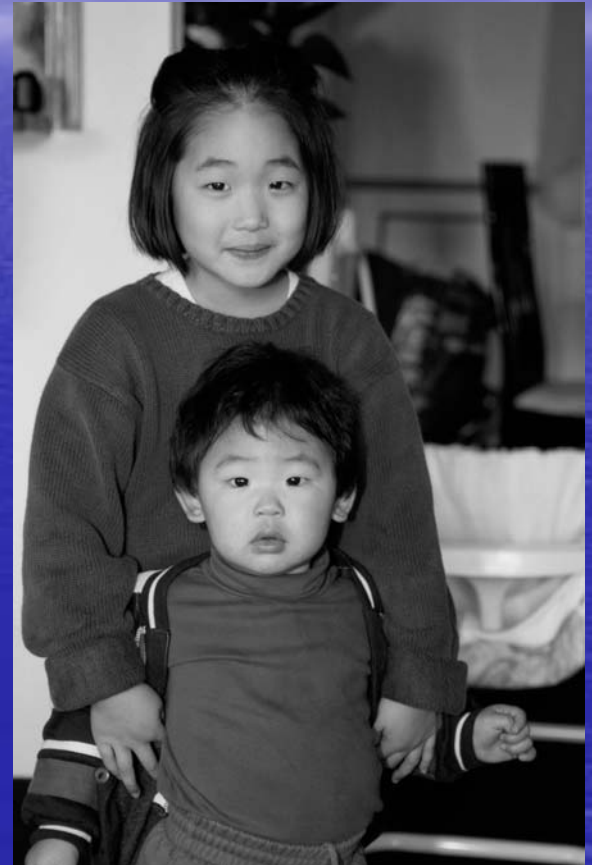
- Posters for all parishes/schools with VAC's contact information
- Updated "Talking with Your Children About Abuse" brochure
- Quarterly updates to sex offender registry
- Parents who are registered sex offenders policy

A Look Ahead



- Safe environment training for all staff
- Volunteer maintenance
- Videos

Updates to the
Archdiocese's
Child and Youth
Protection
Policies and
Procedures





Changes to Procedures Binder

Binder Changes...

- Revised instructions – clearer, more concise
- Included *Worthy of the Call* facilitator's guide
- Clarified FAQ's
- Added in the Appendix, Register Sex Offender who is an Archdiocesan Parent policy and letter to parents
- Revised “Additional Procedures for Priests, Deacons, and Religious”

Binder Changes...

- State clearer that... If a volunteer applicant has served or worked in another Archdiocesan location, then the supervisor of the most recent site **MUST** be contacted for a reference. For employees, if an applicant has worked at multiple locations, then they **ALL** must be contacted. You must also contact the Division of Human Resources for a reference.



Policy Changes



Policy Changes...

- As of June 1, 2007, all policy requirements must be completed before a volunteer may begin serving.
 - Application for Volunteer Service
 - 3 references
 - Volunteer Select screening
 - STAND video training



Policy Changes...

- As of June 1, 2007, a Volunteer Select screening must be done on all NEW employees. This will be in addition to the CJIS fingerprint check.
 - Employees will need to complete the Volunteer Select consent form



USCCCB Audit



USCCB Audit...

- Full on-site audits will be conducted in all dioceses
- This year - pilot parish participation program; decision will be made on total parish participation for next audit cycle based on this year's experience



USCCB Audit...

- This year is different! We have received a list of minimum requirements for compliance.
- We will be asking all parishes/schools to provide many numbers! (Questionnaire)



USCCB Audit...

■ The numbers....

- How many people have received STAND training?
- How many need to be trained? Why haven't they been trained?
- How many children have received the safe environment training?
- How many need to be trained? Why haven't they been trained?



Thank you for
working so hard
to protect the
children and
youth of our
parishes and
schools.