

NEW optional Skillful Screening Training now available



Dear SSA,

You may have noticed a new feature on your MinistrySafe dashboard (*see menu options on the left side panel*). Previously, the only online training available has been the Awareness Training Video. The Awareness Training is a condensed training (1 hour) for all volunteers who work with children or youth. This basic training describes the reality of child sexual abuse in our country and gives practical tools to church volunteers to recognize, prevent, and respond to sexual predators. **The Awareness Training is required for each volunteer every two years.**

Also, now available online is Skillful Screening Training. It is an in-depth 3 hour training for leaders such as pastors, safety committee members, and interviewers who are responsible for decisions and procedures related to volunteers. This extended training covers topics such as best practices of interviews, risk indicators in volunteers, appropriate responses to abuse disclosure, and more. This is a similar training to the live training sessions held around the Conference three years ago when MinistrySafe was first adopted as our child abuse prevention system. *The Skillful Screening Training is optional but strongly recommended.*

Starting in January 2018, each CTC congregation has access to one Skillful Screening Training video per year, free of charge!

This training can be watched as a small group (e.g., safety committee, staff, etc.) or individually. If a group plans to watch it together, only 1 person will be sent the video and must take a quiz at the end. That person will be given a certificate of completion. After the one annual free viewing/certificate, any further viewings/certificates will cost \$50 each.

We believe this will be a very helpful resource for our Conference. It will enable congregations to educate those responsible for MinistrySafe without the travel and cost involved with live training sessions. Just as your church may schedule training for new committees (e.g., SPRC) at the beginning of the year, we hope your church will include this new resource in the training of its Safety Committee members, staff, etc..

The Conference Service Center will continue to provide support for FAQ and assistance for staff/churches getting started. Please contact CTC Mission Support (817-877-5222) or MinistrySafe (817-737-7233) if you have any questions about this new recommended online training.

Sincerely,

CTC MinistrySafe Oversight Committee