

New Leaders Training *2016*

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Who's who

- Mary Jane Doerr, Director
- Mayra Flores, Safe Environment
 - Carol Morrone, Vicariate Service Representative
- Leah McCluskey, Child Abuse Investigations & Review [CAIR]
- Thomas Tharayil & Ruth Robinson, Assistance Ministry
- Moira Reilly, Prayer and Penance Program & Lay CAIR
- Daphne Wilson, Virtus Support
- Maricela Gonzalez, Office Manager
- Judy Gavina, Office Support/Training Registration

What we do

- Implement requirements of Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
- Assist in the implementation of Archdiocesan policies and procedures
 - Audit all parishes and schools annually
- Takes calls, investigate, offer assistance

What you need to know

- Archdiocesan policies and procedures
 - Audit, eApps, Site Administrator, Virtus, etc.
- Mandated Reporter
- DCFS information
- Reporting to the Archdiocese of Chicago



What would you do?

Scenario

You hear that a principal from another school did not review her staff's compliance because the faculty had been at the school long before she came on-board. There was little turn-over during her 3-year tenure, and she assumed her secretary was handling the necessary paperwork for new employees. Then the principal received a call, mid-year, from her Regional Director saying that the Safe Environment Office received an indicated allegation from DCFS on one of her staff members. The principal finds out that that staff person never completed all his compliance requirements even though he had been employed at the school for 5 years.

You want to avoid a similar situation at your new school.

What do you do?



What would you do?

Scenario

A parent of one of your students tells you that she would like to speak with you privately. She tells you that she attended a Virtus training so that she could be a chaperone on an upcoming field trip with her child's class. As a result of attending Virtus, she wants to talk with someone about sexual abuse that she believes her husband may have sustained by a priest when he was in grammar school. She explains that she has come to you in confidence and that she is seeking your assistance in contacting someone at the archdiocese that she could talk with and get some information. She tells you that her husband does not know that she has come to you to about this.

What would you do to help this parent?



What would you do?

Scenario

A DCFS investigator comes to your school to meet with a staff member. S/he provides you with ID and documentation that an investigation has been opened after someone called the hotline to report that a current student at your school disclosed sexual abuse by your employee.

What steps should you take to ensure safety at your school?



What would you do?

- Mr. O' Brien is the school music teacher. He is passionate about music and the school plays. During one of the rehearsal for "Free to Be You and Me", some of the sixth grade boys were playing around and making each other laugh. Mr. O'Brien walked towards the boys and loudly reprimanded them for their misbehavior. Despite this, Bill McDonald and Tim Sullivan, the class clowns mocked Mr. O'Brien as he walked away. When Mr. O'Brien heard them, he quickly raced back towards them, lifted them briefly by the corners of their shirt and sternly told them to stop! The next day, the principal told Mr. O'Brien that the parents for both of the boys were angry and alleged he was verbally and physically abusive to their children. Moreover the parents reported that their kids were traumatized by this experience and can't return to his class.

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- 312-534-5254 (general number)
- 312-534-5205 (CAIR - report an allegation of abuse by church personnel)
- 312-524-5251 (Lay CAIR)
- 312-534-8267 (Assistance Ministry)
- 312-534-5238 (Safe Environment)

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