



# Archdiocese of Seattle

## Safe Environment Program

### *Protecting God's Children*

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No particular educational background is needed to be a *Protecting God's Children* Facilitator. Successful facilitators may include clergy, religious, employees, or volunteers who share a commitment to protecting children. Teachers, counselors, case workers, or health care professionals also make great trainers.

A successful Safe Environment Facilitator is:

- Comfortable speaking and presenting to an audience
- Levelheaded in stressful situations
- Emotionally and psychologically stable
- Compassionate towards others
- Reasonably objective about sexual abuse
- Comfortable discussing sexual issues
- Able to maintain confidentiality
- Motivated to participate in the program
- Compliant with Safe Environment Program requirements
- Willing to attend training updates

**All facilitators must obtain an endorsement and a signed application from the appointed pastoral leader (Pastor, Priest Administrator, Pastoral Coordinator, or Principal). The application may NOT be signed by the PAA or SEP Coordinator. Clergy who wish to become trainers must obtain approval from the Archbishop.**

Approved trainers will participate in *Protecting God's Children: Train the Facilitator*. This is a one-day certification that will prepare them to lead the *Protecting God's Children* class. Participants must complete the entire training to be valid.

The cost of the training is paid for by the Archdiocese of Seattle. All training materials, including videos, will be provided.

Cancelations must be made within 24 hours of the training. Please contact the Safe Environment Office to reschedule.



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Name		
Address/PO Box		
City	State	Zip
E-mail		Home Phone
Work Phone	Cell Phone	

Parish/School: \_\_\_\_\_  Parish  School  
Are you a: Employee (Title) \_\_\_\_\_  Volunteer  Parent/Community Member  
Languages you are competent to teach in:  English  Spanish  Vietnamese  Korean

Why are you interested in being a training for the Safe Environment Program?

Describe your public speaking/facilitation experience.

What other skills, certifications, or experience do you have that would help you to be an effective SEP Trainer?

Are you able to handle emotional situations without becoming emotionally involved yourself? Of yes, describe how and/or experience in doing so.

How comfortable are you discussing sexual misconduct and abuse?

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Pastor/Priest Administrator/Pastoral Coordinator/Principal Endorsement Signature

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Date