



Summit County
CHILDREN SERVICES
Building Families . . . Building Futures

Protect Your Church, Protect Your Children

Complying with Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Laws

Tuesday, April 2, 6-9 p.m. at The House of the Lord, 1650 Diagonal Road, Akron

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a fellowship meal

Why You Should Attend This Training

Big Numbers = Big Needs

In 2018, Summit County Children Services received nearly 11,000 calls of concern involving the safety and well-being of children.

This includes children in your neighborhoods and churches!

Come learn how you can support parents so the children of your church and community can grow to their fullest potential!

Program Outline

This three-hour training is specially designed to help church leaders and lay members have a better understanding of child abuse and neglect precautions. Participants will view the "Reducing the Risk" DVD and learn about the indicators of child abuse and neglect, mandated reporting and how to prevent child abuse. Participants can also share current procedures, challenges and successes. It is an engaging training with interactive lessons.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR CLERGY LEADERS & LAY MEMBERS!

Knowing and complying with the law is important.

For churches, knowing what the law is when it comes to reporting child abuse and neglect can be difficult and confusing. This training will help address such difficult questions as:

- What are the behavioral and physical indicators of abuse or neglect?
- Are all individuals who work directly with children mandated by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect? Who do they contact?
- Can individuals report abuse or neglect to the pastor, or do they need to make the call to Summit County Children Services?
- What could happen to an individual (within the church) who does not report suspected abuse or neglect?

These are real issues and concerns for many churches locally and across the state. Summit County Children Services has trained staff who can address these issues and offer child abuse and neglect awareness information so churches can have a better understanding of reporting laws and be better prepared to face these issues if they arise.

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**Register online to attend
this FREE training at**

Summitkids.org

Every church in attendance will receive a special Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness Kit which includes educational information and materials that can be shared with clergy leaders and lay members of your congregation.

