



Presbytery of Carlisle

Supporting our Congregations in the Name of Jesus Christ

Mandated Reporter Training

January 25, 2020

9 am - 12 pm

Presbytery of Carlisle

3040 Market Street, Camp Hill

As pastors, volunteers and/or church staff employees, we have responsibility for the care and safety of the children entrusted to the care of our congregations. We do this through Child Protection Policies and through training that keeps us current with best practices for keeping children safe. In the state of Pennsylvania, all individuals (paid or unpaid) who accept responsibility for children are Mandated Reporters.

Who are the Mandated Reporters in your Congregation?

- They are nursery volunteers, Church School teachers, VBS leaders, youth ministry volunteers and staff.
- They are Pastors, (whether or not your church has formal programs for children). It's vital that you know the requirements of the law and how to create a congregational setting that is safe for children.
- If you have a preschool or child care center operating at your church, they are your employees and volunteers.

What is Mandated Reporter Training?

Mandated reporter training is a workshop conducted by the **PA Family Support Alliance** that reviews the elements of child abuse, including the legal definitions of a child, perpetrator, and categories and indicators of abuse. The training also provides an overview of mandated reporting obligations, including how to make a report, protections for those who report, and the liability for failing to report.



Although most mandated reporters of congregations are not **REQUIRED** by law to take mandated reporter training, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that we still take this training. The Presbytery of Carlisle recommends that those serving children among our congregations receive this training every 2-5 years. Please check your church's Child Protection Policy and your Insurance Policy to determine the recommendations specific to your setting.

Beyond the legal requirements, however, consider what it means to be entrusted with the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of children. As we promise to nurture our children in faith, may we also advocate for their safety, in all settings of their lives.

Please promote this Mandated Reporter Training workshop with those in your church who have responsibility for children or vulnerable adults. As you prepare January newsletters, bulletin announcements and social media posts, please consider including this event.

Cost:	This training is free of charge, as long as we have at least 10 people pre-registered. If we do not meet this minimum, we will reschedule.
Registration:	Call the Presbytery office at 717-737-6821 or register online .
Deadline:	January 17, 2020