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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Child Abuse & Neglect Training for Churches

Why You Should Attend This Training

In 2015 there were 26,892 substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect in Ohio alone, including neglect, physical and sexual abuse.

This includes the children in your neighborhood and church community!

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

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.

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.

REGISTRATION FORM

Church Name_____

Contact Person_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Daytime Phone_____

Contact Person's Email_____

Church Website_____

Names of those attending:

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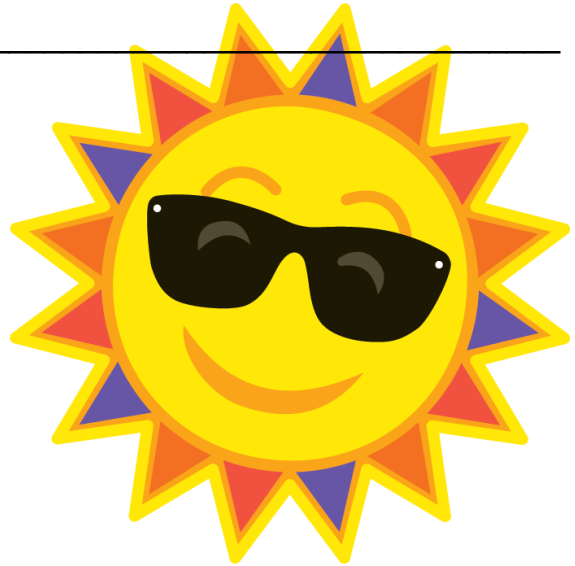
Deadline to register: **Tuesday, April 4**



You have multiple ways to register:

- **Online at summitkids.org.**
- **Mail this Registration Form to:**
  Summit County Children Services,
  264 S. Arlington Street, Akron, Ohio 44306
  ATTN: Barb Knoch
- **Fax this Registration Form to (330) 379-1954.**
- **For more information, call (330) 379-1994.**

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