

## Safe-Environment Training Programs for 9-12 Grade Students

Each child in grades 9-12 at diocesan parishes and schools is required to receive safe-environment training. The diocese has multiple options for this training and your pastor and parish liaison should have all the appropriate information regarding these programs. Two of the programs have a video and required discussion component. Every effort must be made to ascertain that the maximum number of students participate in one of the teen programs. One make-up day is required to be offered during *regularly scheduled youth ministry events* for youth unable to attend on the scheduled day. Safe environment training must be completed by the last Friday of December each year and the reporting forms are due to OPCYP by January 15, each year.

The OPCYP has published a Child/Youth Safe-Environment Program Technical Assistance Guide (TAG) to assist your parish in the implementation of the program. An electronic version of the TAG may be found online under Additional Resources at

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/additional-resources/>

More information on the training programs is available online at

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/Youth-Training-Programs/>

After consulting your parish liaison and the TAG please contact the Program Specialist (703-841-3847 ext. 886 or [karla.canizalez@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:karla.canizalez@arlingtondiocese.org)) with additional questions about safe-environment training for 9-12 grade students.