

The Focus of Samaritan SafeChurch

- ◆ **Building** a faith-based movement to end Child Sexual Abuse.
- ◆ **Moving** beyond static policies and training to shifting culture to inspire and equip adults to protect children from sexual harm in church and in the community.
- ◆ **Connecting** with other people of faith who share the vision to take leadership and end the conditions that allow one in four girls and one in six boys to be sexually abused.
- ◆ **Engaging** survivors as sources of wisdom and leaders.
- ◆ **Partnering** with the Just Beginnings Collaborative to build a national movement to End Child Sexual Abuse.



We Also Offer Workshops, Trainings and Consultation

Workshops include:

- ◆ Making the Wounds Visible: *Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse*
- ◆ Accompaniment of Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse
- ◆ PA Mandated Reporter Training
- ◆ Sexual Offenders and the Grooming Process
- ◆ Children & Teens with Sexual Behavior problems
- ◆ Wisdom Circles for Survivors and Allies (Allies are people who support survivors and/or work to protect children)

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One in four girls & one in six boys sexually abused before the age of 18 is NOT okay.



Building a Faith-based Movement to End Child Sexual Abuse

Our Vision

To equip and inspire people of faith to become proactive in protecting children from sexual and other abuse – not only at church, but in the community; and to empower adult survivors.

Our Mission

To engage groups of congregations in our one year process designed to create environments of safety, healing and respect for children and adult survivors while building a structure of best practices and policies to support this cultural shift;
and
to provide multiple points of entry for people of faith to become allies in the emerging social movement to end child sexual abuse.

Our Goal

To empower people of faith to create SafePlaces for children and survivors in their communities.

God Hears their Cries... But Do We?

85% - 90% of sexual abuse occurs within the child's "safe world"... home, school, church, sports, scouting and other approved activities.



“To sexually harm a child is an abuse of power. To hold power as an adult and not use it to protect children is also an abuse of power.” -

Linda Crockett, Founder, SafeChurch/SafePlaces

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Our unique “cluster” process engages 3-10 congregations of various faith traditions in a one year process that brings “dry bones” child protection practices and policies to life.

It includes:

- 20+ hours of training for a core team
- Interactive child protection policy template
- Two educational presentations for each congregation
- Retreat for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
- Resources for worship and congregational awareness
- Four hour training for all staff and volunteers on mandated reporting, prevention and response
- Prevention curriculums for children and youth

After completion, churches continue to receive support from the Samaritan SafeChurch team and become part of a growing network of congregations committed to making God’s dream of keeping children safe from sexual harm a reality. **For more details, including schedules and enrollment forms, visit**

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