

SAFE ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL TRAINING UPDATE

ADULT ABUSE TRAINING INTRODUCTION

In the last several years, many parishes have focused the training efforts of their Safe Environment Program on children and youth. But it's important for all of us who work in the parishes, schools, and entities of the Diocese of Dallas to remember that our Safe Environment Program also recognizes in its Mission Statement that "*...we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of...vulnerable adults.*"

With this in mind, this training update module focuses on **Adult Abuse**. It is meant to increase your awareness of the health and safety issues and concerns of vulnerable adults.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Adult Abuse Training Introduction.
2. Read the Adult Abuse Training Module.
3. View the video, [A Closer Look at APS Caseworkers and Clients Video](#).
4. Complete the test on-line or download and submit it to the Church Office, ATTN: Safe Environment Director.

ADULT ABUSE PROGRAM

The materials used in the following presentation were developed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Adult Protective Services (APS) Program. These materials are distributed free to interested groups as part of the state's efforts to help educate people in their communities about the problems faced by the elderly and adults with disabilities and to provide guidance on how to prevent adult abuse.

All persons age 65 and older or who are age 18-65 and have disabilities are eligible for Adult Protection Services, if abused, neglected or exploited.