



ENDORSEMENTS

"Plan to Protect® is a valuable source of important and up to date information and strategies that will assist churches and child focused organizations in providing safe and caring environments for children. Our children deserve nothing less!"

- Don Hepburn, former child protection worker, Supervisor and Senior Manager with the Children's Aid Society of Toronto. (Retired)

"Having devoted the majority of my career to managing and insuring the risks of religious and secular nonprofits, I know well the pitfalls of having inadequate protection for their most vulnerable constituents. Plan to Protect® provides a cost-effective, comprehensive, turnkey risk management solution that can be easily adapted to the specific needs of any religious entity — from the parish church to a denominational headquarters. I know of no other resource providing this depth and quality of actionable, hands-on content approaching this price point, and I commend Plan to Protect® to any institution seeking to fortify its youth risk management programming."

- Scott R. Konrad, Senior Vice President, Hub Insurance.

"In these times of security risks in our society, both in our communities and unfortunately, within the walls of the church itself, the need for providing a safe environment for our children cannot be overstated. In addition to praying for a hedge of protection around our families, we should be wise and discerning about how our kids are cared for. When churches consider developing and improving policies and standard operating procedures within their children's programs, it is essential that they have good information about the resources and options available to them. 'Plan to Protect®' is an excellent resource for not only beginning the discussion but also following through with implementation of the plan. Plan to Protect® could be an outstanding partner for your faith-based organization."

- John Kim Cook, Ph.D., President & CEO Cook Strategies LLC, former director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

"This course will allow your organization to best protect its vulnerable stakeholders and give your staff and leadership peace of mind concerning the same."

- Mike Anderson, General Council, WE.org

"I strongly recommend Winning Kids and Plan to Protect® to any organization looking to ensure the safety and protection of children as they inter-relate with ministries. Winning Kids has made it easy to develop impactful policies and methods to allow very useful training for those involved with ministries to children & vulnerable adults."

- Chris Mandel, former President of RIMS, 04 Risk Mgr. of the year, President of Enterprise Indemnity.

"I highly recommend Plan to Protect® to any organization looking to develop safety and protection policies. Plan to Protect® has made it easy to develop effective policies and tools to allow effective training for everyone involved with children & vulnerable adults."

- Debbie Hastings, Ecclesiastical Insurance, Toronto, ON

"As a former forensic investigator, I was appalled by the number of abuse and sexual assault cases upon children and the vulnerable. Heightened awareness is needed in this area. Protection of children and the vulnerable is so important and in some instances avoidance would be possible when risks are mitigated properly. A course of this nature is timely and necessary for all churches, agencies, community groups and educators to avoid further victimization."

- Todd McKinnon, St. Catharines, ON

"I'm grateful to recommend this resource, carefully created by Plan to Protect®. Here you will find the information and wisdom needed to not only protect children, but to help each church become a beautiful place of healing and redemption."

- Mary DeMuth, Texas, Author of Not Marked: Finding Home and Healing After Abuse

"I am a Girl Guide leader and have been filling out multiple forms for each event for all these years. After this day I finally appreciate their values."

- Christine Taylor, Girl Guide Leader and Catechist Leader - Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert

"As an entertainer who performs around the world and for many different audiences, I know the importance of safety when it comes to working with children. It is so important for us to see that children are provided the safest, risk-free environment possible so that they can freely enjoy the exciting things that are available to them. As a professional entertainer, I am committed to paying close attention to making sure that I have done all that I can to ensure this safety is provided. Plan to Protect provides the information and resources needed to juggle both work and the safety of children."

- Bob Cates, Entertainer/Comedian, Comedy in Motion, Best One Man Show, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Comedy Awards, Nominee

"Not only is the content valuable, but the way it is presented is refreshing and engaging."

- Shauna Boshier, Associate Director of Risk Management, WE.org

"Winning Kids [Plan to Protect®] is a resource program and tool kit that is critical and strategic for the times in which we live. It takes complex issues of child protection and makes resources accessible and affordable and its comprehensive frameworks helps small and large organizations alike. I highly recommend them."

- Dr. Gary V Nelson, President and Vice Chancellor, Tyndale University College and Seminary, Toronto, Ontario

"Plan to Protect® is one of the most comprehensive training programs for abuse preventing that there is. But Plan to Protect® is about more than just policies. It is about educating churches and organizations about the issue of abuse and encourages all of the attendees to take the issue of abuse seriously. It is about changing our hearts and attitudes regarding abuse."

- Dale Ingraham, Pastor and Author, Tear Down This Wall of Silence: Dealing with Sexual Abuse in Our Churches, Executive Director of Speaking the Truth in Love, New York

"This program should become a part of the education system for teachers and parent volunteers."

- Judy Yearwood, Toronto Children's Concert Choir, Toronto, ON

"We need to be proactive in preventing the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children. Every child is a treasure with incomparable worth. Abuse can damage a child terribly for the rest of his or her life. Plan to Protect provides a beacon, the means and the structure to prevent and counter different forms of abuse. The use of this detailed and holistic plan allows us to hope for a better society where the safety and well-being of children are assured. To the writers of this manual, Bravo!"

- Danielle Lajeunesse, Director, Quebec Protestant Partnership on Education, Liaison to the Ministry of Education, CDI, Quebec, Canada

"Children are among society's most vulnerable members, and child-serving organizations must make the protection of children a key concern. World Vision believes child protection standards are an essential tool to help safeguard children from exploitation and abuse. Then, once the standards are on paper, they must be enforced and there must be a commitment to continually examine efforts to reduce risks to children, and to heighten awareness of child protection in the community and home. Plan to Protect® is a valuable tool to aid in the process."

- Dave Toycen, President, World Vision Canada, Mississauga, Canada

"I strongly recommend Plan to Protect® for any church or any size in any location. It is extremely user-friendly and loaded with applicable forms and guidelines. No church or ministry that has anything to do with children and/or youth should be without Plan to Protect®."

- Michael Boutot, Former Executive Director, Institute of Church Safety and Risk Management

"Everyone should sit in at least once to hear of the dangers and what precautions you need to think of. Anything can happen!"

- Kim Kakakaway, Samaritan's Purse, Calgary, AB

"As an ECE working in daycares for over 15 years, I can't believe how little I know about abuse and it's many forms until I attended a Plan to Protect workshop! Not only did this educate me on what to look for but it also taught me what to do if I encountered a situation where abuse was happening. The training also provided me with tools to protect myself from any allegations of abuse and opened my eyes to what my obligations are when it comes to abuse and what the law requires of me. "

- G. Yip, ECE, Toronto, ON

"This course is very informative. The trainers break down the information so it is digestible and easy to understand."

- Amanda Wand, Director of Global Program Operations, WE.org

"SterlingBackcheck™, Canada's largest and leading provider of pre-employment background and criminal history checks, is delighted to be teamed up with Plan to Protect®, to help ensure a safer future for young people across the country. *Plan to Protect®* is an important and much needed tool in promoting the safety of today's children. Only consistent and thorough processes are of any effect in providing protection."

- Dave Dinesen, President and CEO, SterlingBackcheck, Vancouver, Canada

"For over a decade Robertson Hall Insurance has recommended Plan to Protect® to our church client organizations. The updated version is even more user-friendly, practical and understandable for church and charity leaders as they seek effective ways to protect the children and youth in their care against potential harm and protect their ministry workers from false allegations. Plenty of great examples, training ideas and sample forms mean that your organization doesn't have to reinvent the wheel when it comes to abuse prevention. Having the new edition and updated materials as a resource and template for abuse prevention policies and procedures is like the benefit of an expert without having one in your congregation. We applaud the efforts of Melodie Bissell and Plan to Protect® for making effective abuse prevention more understandable and achievable...!"

- Kenneth A. Hall, President, Robertson Hall Insurance Inc., London, Canada

"As the administrator / principal of my own childcare centre and private school, I know the importance of being knowledgeable about current policies and practices that enable our young children to have a positive and safe learning environment. The Plan to Protect manual is an excellent resource that is user friendly and has proven to be of great value as a training manual to the whole school, staff and student body."

- Stephanie Ling, PhD., Administrator / Principal, Children's Primary Centre / Cornerstone Preparatory School, Toronto, Canada

"This course was incredibly valuable for us – both as individuals and an organization – as we work toward becoming the safest organization for youth to volunteer with. Thank you!"

- Matt Tod, Associate Director - Learning & Development, WE.org

"We are thrilled to come together into a national partnership with Plan to Protect® – an organization at the forefront of safety and abuse prevention training. Plan to Protect® provides extensive expertise in the safety and abuse prevention field with their programming, materials, and extremely knowledgeable staff."

- Katie Zwetzig, Executive Director, Verified Volunteers