

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

"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<sup>TM</sup>' is an excellent resource for not only beginning the discussion but also following through with implementation of the plan. Plan to Protect<sup>TM</sup> 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

"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

"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<sup>TM</sup> 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<sup>TM</sup> to any institution seeking to fortify its youth risk management programming."

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

"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<sup>TM</sup> 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.

"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

"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

"Plan to Protect<sup>TM</sup> is one of the most comprehensive training programs for abuse preventing that there is. But Plan to Protect<sup>TM</sup> 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

"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<sup>TM</sup> is a valuable tool to aid in the process."

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

"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

"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

"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