



Creating a Safe Environment Teen Volunteer Training



TEEN TRAINING REQUIREMENT HAS CHANGED

Beginning July 1st, 2024, minors between the ages of 13-17 will no longer be required to complete Teen Safe Environment training **online**. Instead, they must attend a group session in person that will allow minors to understand their responsibilities as outlined by the Code of Conduct in the context of their individual ministry setting.

Please reach out to the parish CASE coordinator or Catechetical leader to inquire when the next in-person teen training session will take place. Those staff members will verify and track each teen's completion of training.

LEADERS: Please find the training session outline at: <https://oec.dor.org/safe-environment-teen-training/> or in the SharePoint

Please contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis with your questions about Minor Volunteer Training!

TIPS

For Volunteers and Their Families:

- There is no cost to participate in minor volunteer training. If you think you might be interested in volunteering at your parish any time during the year, participate in a scheduled teen training at your church so that you are ready to serve in a ministry when the time comes!
- Watch the Teen Volunteer video in advance of your in-person session and discuss, as a family, the important role of a volunteer. <https://oec.dor.org/safe-environment-teen-training/>

For Ministry Leaders:

- Offer more than one minor volunteer training throughout the year and advertise it widely to be sure teens are prepared when events such as VBS, faith formation, and other ministries are scheduled.
- Remember that each new volunteer experience may present new responsibilities for a teen. Always review the Code of Conduct with teens who have previously participated in training but are new to a ministry role,