Safeguarding in the United States:
Traditional methods linked to today’s technologies

Since the early 1990s Church Pension Group (CPG) has been a leader in providing training materials for the prevention of child sexual abuse. In 2007, they launched a new effort to add adult exploitation and harassment to the training products available to the church. Now widely accepted as the standard for abuse training for The Episcopal Church, CPG has moved into the area of web based training for these important topics. This workshop will attempt to broaden the discussion of training methods for the prevention of child and adult sexual abuse and to share best practices for this important training. The workshop will include a demonstration of the online modules.

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B.J. has been with the Church Pension Group, in New York, since 1999. In 2004, she participated in the launch of Safeguarding God’s Children, managing 10 train-the-trainer classes for over 700 enrollees between 2004 and 2008. In 2009, she became manager of the Safeguarding programs with a focus on the development and implementation of Safeguarding Online, the web-based version of Safeguarding God’s Children. That program, initially offered in 2009, is currently in use by 50 U.S. dioceses and continues to expand. To date, over 80,000 modules have been completed. BJ is currently spearheading the development of additional web-based training for Safeguarding God’s People: Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith and Safeguarding God’s People: Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers.