

CHANGES TO THE CPS/BCSA CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING STRATEGY (2019) & INFORMATION RE THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW SUPPORTIVE ON-LINE BRIDGING SEMINARS

The 2019 Child Protection Solutions/BCSA Child Protection training model has been revised and will now consist of a streamlined customised intensive training strategy which was presented to, and ratified by the BCSA Assembly Board on February 3, 2019,

The new strategy replaces the previous SA Government 7-hour Child Safe Environments (CSE) program, which for BCSA churches included additional customised CPS modules not included in the standard CSE program. The former SA Government CSE program has now been replaced with the new SA Governments “Through Their Eyes” program. (TTE)

Whilst CPS presenters are accredited SA Government “Through Their Eyes” trainers, as the Director of Professional Standards for BCSA, I advised State Executive Minister in January 2019 that the new 7 hour TTE program lacked important content, and on multiple levels fell short of the recommended CPS/BCSA standard of training. Unlike previous years CPS obtained approval to include additional specialist modules in the CSE program, however the new TTE program no longer has provision for this to occur to the required and or acceptable levels.

For those within Baptist Churches requiring the now “THROUGH THEIR EYES” certificate level training as a part of their external to BCSA professional employment or volunteer services, BCSA will be offering an initial two TTE full day (7 Hour) seminars, as well as two TTE 3 Hour Update seminars in 2019. Additional TTE seminars may be scheduled based on demand.

For those who have previously obtained and hold a current CSE or now TTE certificate via outside providers, BCSA reluctantly accepts that level of training, however strongly encourage those people to still consider attending the CPS/BCSA 5.5 hour intensive. This intensive contains additional modules that are not included in the standard CSE, now TTE training. At the very least BCSA would require those people to view the On-Line Child Sex Offender Awareness (Making Young People & The Church Safe) bridging seminar.

2019 BCSA STANDARD & PREFERRED LEVEL OF TRAINING:

5.5 Hour Customised Intensive:

Understanding and Responding to Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitation
“Making Young People and the Church Safe”.

3 Hour Update – Upon completion of the 5.5 hour seminar, 3 hour update sessions are required every three years in order to maintain BCSA accreditation.

It is important to note that the CPS/BCSA training model is strategically designed and forms just one component of an overall comprehensive support and prevention strategy which includes:

- Unlimited “on-tap” child protection & professional standards consultancy and support to churches. (Including 24/7 crisis response consultancy)
- Additional intermediate through to advanced levels of training and support provided on multiple levels across BCSA churches in relation to the identification, profiling, assessment and management of known sex offenders.

The new on-line child protection orientation seminar.

- *This seminar is designed to provide an introductory/orientation child protection overview for those people who have been screened and selected by their church leadership and passed a criminal history check, but not yet attended and completed the required state/church-based training requirements.*
- *There may be times where seminars may be booked out, sometimes re scheduled or the participant is unable to attend the next available seminar. This on-line component serves as a bridging component and permits the individual to commence their ministry as a “helper” or “assistant” pending completion of the required state/church-based training.*

The new on-line child sex offender awareness orientation seminar.

- *This seminar focuses on the different types of child sex offenders and how they think, operate, groom, target and infiltrate churches.*
- *Although this level of training is embedded into the CPS/BCSA face to face training, it provides another avenue at an introductory level for church leadership teams such as Ministry teams, Elders, Board, Governance and Council members as well as parents.*
- *This seminar can also be utilised by those who have attended and completed accredited training outside of the CPS/BCSA training strategy.*

NOTE: These on- line modules are additional support components only and DO NOT replace our face to face training standards/requirement.

LAUNCH DATE FOR THE ABOVE TWO SUPPORT ON-LINE COMPONENTS WILL BE MID TO LATE FEBRUARY 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Independent Director of Professional Standards in order to clarify any matters in relation to the above strategy and 2019 changes.

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