

# **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE BCSA/CPS CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING STRATEGY.**

**(Updated information as at 18/01/21)**

The BCSA Child Protection training model underwent a full review in late 2018 which was ratified and adopted by the BCSA Assembly Board on February 3, 2019,

In 2018 the SA Government accredited Child Safe Environments (CSE) program was replaced with the “Through Their Eyes” (TTE) program, known in the Education Department as “Responding to Abuse and Neglect” (RAN). The updated BCSA Child Protection strategy included the decision not to utilise the SA Government accredited TTE training model.

Whilst BCSA/CPS presenters were fully accredited SA Government “Through Their Eyes” trainers, it was determined that the TTE program lacked important content on multiple levels. Unlike previous years where BCSA/CPS had been able to obtain approval to modify and include additional specialist modules within the CSE program, the new TTE program has no provision for such modification.

BCSA acknowledges and accepts that there are those who have obtained and hold a current CSE/TTE/RAN certificate through outside providers, often as part of employment conditions. However, BCSA strongly encourages these people to still undertake the BCSA/CPS 5.5 hour intensive and 3 yearly update/refreshers. This model contains additional material that is particularly relevant to the church and the BCSA child protection culture but is not included in the CSE/TTE/RAN training. As a minimum BCSA requires people with CSE/TTE/RAN training to view the 30-minute On-Line Child Sex Offender Awareness (Making Young People & The Church Safe) bridging intensive. No other training is accepted by BCSA and BUNT.

All persons Accredited with BCSA and serving in local church contexts are required to complete and maintain the BCSA level of training as a part of their continuing Accreditation, regardless of whether they also hold a current CSE/TTE/RAN certificate.

It is important to note that our training strategy must meet standards acceptable not only to BCSA & BUNT but meet legislative compliance and insurance standards/requirements as submitted to both bodies for approval/endorsement.

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