

Seminar summaries

Interpreting your “Plan to Protect” policy for your parish

Because we are concerned about the safety of every member and guest in our congregations, ANiC has instituted the Plan to Protect® policy for all member congregations. Our commitment is to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults from harm as well as protect workers from false allegations. Ensuring our churches offer a safe environment is a priority.

This workshop will help you better understand this comprehensive protection plan, explain it to others, help you implement it in a way that is appropriate for your congregation.

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Melodie Bissell, MDiv, is the president and founder of Winning Kids Inc, a Canadian-based organization committed to providing a *Plan to Protect*® to individuals and organizations serving children and youth. Winning Kids Inc., established in 2006, services thousands of organizations. Melodie consults regularly with mission organizations, churches, denominations and dioceses on abuse prevention, risk management and strategic planning. She currently sits on the Child in Church and Culture Partnership and on the Board of Restore Canada.

Melodie co-authored and now is primary distributor of the bestselling *Plan to Protect*®, *A Protection Manual for Children, Youth and Those That Work With Them*. She also co-authored *Winning Kids: A Children’s Ministry Assessment, Not Beyond Our Reach* and numerous published articles.

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