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Child and Youth Safety Policy Training Event

**Tuesday, October 27
7:00-9:00 pm**

**Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street
Montclair, New Jersey
973-744-5340**

Our churches are entrusted with the care and well being of our children and youth when we nurture them in the Christian faith. Because a premium is placed on ensuring the safety of our children and youth, Presbyterian churches are encouraged to establish and adhere to guidelines for child care. A child and youth safety policy seeks to ensure as safe an environment as possible for children and youth when they are in the care of representatives of our congregations. Policies are not based upon a lack of trust in church personnel or volunteers, but rather to protect children, youth, caregivers and the church itself.

On **Tuesday, October 27, from 7:00-9:00 pm, Newark Presbytery** invites its members to attend a **Child and Youth Safety Policy** training event. The training event will be held at **Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park Street, Montclair**. Persons in attendance will become familiar with General Assembly guidelines and a policy recently adopted by Central Presbyterian Church.

All persons who volunteer in their churches with children and youth are encouraged to attend. Paid child care providers, parents, deacons and elders also are invited.

The presenter for the event is Dr. Melissa Arnott, EdD, LPC, who is Vice President for Clinical Services at Cape Counseling, one of the largest non-profit behavioral health services organizations in New Jersey. Dr. Arnott has extensive experience with children and adults in private practice, and is a nationally certified licensed professional counselor. She offers a particular focus on how the church can be a more effective place of protection and nurture for children under care at our congregational sites that fulfill state mandates and the highest ethical standards we strive to attain in our ministries.

Kindly **REGISTER VIA EMAIL** by October 23rd to deirdre@newarkpresbytery.org and provide your name, name preferred for nametag, postal address, telephone #, email address.