



OFFICE FOR CHILD AND  
YOUTH PROTECTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF  
PHILADELPHIA

PROMISE TO PROTECT.  
**PLEDGE TO HEAL.**

## Did You Know?

- All people working in the AOP, including volunteers, undergo background checks and child abuse clearances. This requirement is in place whether or not the employees and volunteers work with minors.
- All AOP employees and volunteers attend Safe Environment training programs, as well as Mandated Reporter training programs.
- All young people in grades K-12 receive age-appropriate abuse prevention education.
- All AOP employees and volunteers who have regular contact with children are required to report suspicions of child abuse.

## Zero Tolerance – 100% Committed

The AOP has a *zero tolerance* policy for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who engage in misconduct with children and takes *immediate* action when an accusation is made. We are committed to educating all those who work with children, as well as the children in our schools and parish-based education programs, on how to recognize improper conduct and be comfortable enough to report a problem.

- There are over 280 designated Safe Environment Coordinators working in AOP parishes, schools, and other ministries serving young people to ensure compliance with laws and policies.
- Over 92,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond to, and report child abuse since 2003.
- Nearly 30,000 adults have received mandatory reporter training.
- Over 100,000 children have received age-appropriate abuse prevention education.
- The AOP has invested over \$2.4 million in education and training since 2006.

## Supporting Survivors

The AOP is committed to helping survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their families heal, no matter who committed the crime against them or when the crime occurred. Every year, the AOP's Victim Assistance Program offers compassionate and supportive assistance to individuals and families. During the 2013-14 fiscal year alone, the AOP dedicated over \$1.7 million to make available counseling, provide medication, eliminate barriers to travel and childcare, and provide vocational assistance and other forms of support to men, women, children and families.

## **The Archdiocesan Investment in Abuse Prevention and Victim Assistance**

The tables below demonstrate the financial investment of over \$18.8 million made by the AOP over the past several years to assist survivors on their paths to healing and to foster education and prevention initiatives that aim to ensure that the safety of the young people entrusted to the Church's care.

### **Victim Assistance Program**

FY 2002	No Data Available
FY 2003	216,866
FY 2004	210,753
FY 2005	117,228
FY 2006	345,709
FY 2007	699,576
FY 2008	1,072,613
FY 2009	1,227,853
FY 2010	1,131,421
FY 2011	1,593,409
FY 2012	1,755,891
FY 2013	1,405,138
FY 2014	1,515,934
FY 2015	1,695,082
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,014,458</b>

### **Safe Environment Initiatives**

(Includes costs paid throughout the Archdiocese for background checks and training programs)

FY 2002	No Data Available
FY 2003	No Data Available
FY 2004	370,000
FY 2005	400,000
FY 2006	223,029
FY 2007	254,849
FY 2008	413,489
FY 2009	324,974
FY 2010	305,748
FY 2011	369,557
FY 2012	304,735
FY 2013	430,026
FY 2014	492,870
FY 2015	851,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,740,562</b>

**Office for Child and Youth Protection Expenses**

(Includes costs absorbed solely by the Office for Child and Youth Protection for training and education efforts)

FY 2002	No Data Available
FY 2003	No Data Available
FY 2004	47,854
FY 2005	27,618
FY 2006	50,985
FY 2007	26,018
FY 2008	24,334
FY 2009	95,790
FY 2010	9,573
FY 2011	67,592
FY 2012	78,449
FY 2013	151,568
FY 2014	230,615
FY 2015	240,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,051,327</b>

*For more information about the services, resources and training offered by the AOP please visit:*  
<http://childyouthprotection.org/index.php>