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Dear

The JCCV is taking expressions of interest for a 2015 Safeguarding Children and Young People training series. We are writing to you as a key provider of services to children and young people.

The 2014 series has been a huge success with over 60 people from 20 organisations trained. These organisations have developed improved policy and practice for children and young people and the difference in awareness and culture within their organisations has been incredible.

The Jewish community is at the forefront of this change in Victoria and we have been praised by the Victorian Enquiry into Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations for our strong leadership. The Rabbinical Council of Victoria is also rolling out training and accreditation for all of Melbourne's orthodox Synagogues.

Children are inherently vulnerable. Parents expect - and the law requires - that children will be safe from harm or abuse at school, on camp, at a youth group, in a sporting club or in any other community setting. Child abuse occurs in 1:3 girls and 1:6 boys. Child abusers can be peers, responsible adults or family members and abusers spend a lot of time gaining their victim's trust. Parents should know when their children are being abused and organisations should be aware of and know everything possible to protect their wards. Working With Children checks only identify people who have already been convicted.

The program outline, dates and cost are attached as well as an audit to do your own health check and testimonials. Please notify the JCCV office of your intention to attend training by Wednesday 5th November on info@jccv.org.au. If you have any questions, feel free to call myself or David Marlow on 9272 5566.

Yours sincerely

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