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FBC MONTGOMERY TRAINING EVENT Session Schedule & Descriptions

GENERAL SESSION – SEXUAL ABUSE RISK IN MINISTRY CONTEXTS

Time: 9am – 9:45am

Presenter: Gregory Love, JD

This session addresses existing and emerging challenges related to child sexual abuse: why sexual abuse presents a continuing challenge to ministries, and misconceptions that lead to failures. Understanding the *abuser's grooming process* is key, forming the foundation of any effective child Safety System. The session concludes with an overview of two Focus Sessions offered, described below.

FOCUS SESSION 1 – AN EFFECTIVE SAFETY SYSTEM

Time: 10am – 12:30pm

Presenter: Gregory Love, JD

This session equips ministry leaders with information and resources shaping the elements of an effective Safety System, including *best practices* for System sustainability. Attendees receive access to online and written resources.

Elements of an effective Safety System include:

- Sexual Abuse Awareness Training
- Skillful Screening Processes and Training
- Appropriate Background Checks
- Tailored Policies & Procedures
- Systems for Monitoring and Oversight

FOCUS SESSION 2 – EFFECTIVE SCREENING: Keeping the Wolf out of the Sheep-pen

Time: 10am – 12:30pm

Presenter: Kimberlee Norris, JD

Effective screening practices limit the possibility that an applicant with inappropriate motives gains access to children through child-serving programs. Ministry leaders must be aware of *common risk indicators* and high-risk responses, indicating that an applicant may be a danger to children or students served by the program.

Session topics will include:

- Elements of an Effective Screening Process
- Male and Female Offender Characteristics
- Effective use of Background Checks
- Recognizing Risk Indicators

Used proactively, effective screening practices can ‘keep the wolf out of the sheep-pen’!