



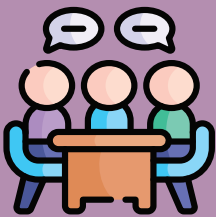
# Protecting Our Children



Since 2003, more than **105,000** parish employees and volunteers have undergone background checks and received training in the Safe Environment program to recognize the behavior of abusers and how to respond.



Age appropriate Safe Environment training is provided to **40,000** children every year.



This year, Safe Environment training was provided to **1,272** educators, **3008** other employees, **599** priests, **204** deacons, and **72** candidates for ordination.



Since the establishment of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of Brooklyn has spent **1.4 million dollars** on background evaluations.



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