

Are You Interested in hosting a South-Central Region Children's Ministry Training?

If you are interested in hosting a Regional Training for your Children's Ministry volunteers and are willing to include other Unity churches in your area, here are the easy steps to make it happen!

- 1. Plan early.** The SCUCA Board requires the Children's Ministry Consultant to maintain a training calendar one year in advance.
- 2. Trainings take place on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm leaving volunteers wanting more, but still allowing them to have the rest of the day for their families and regular weekend activities; it also allows travel time for out of town folks.**
- 3. Host Church Responsibilities:**
 - Provide space for the training to take place, including a large room, preferably with space for round tables and chairs, and a circle of chairs. Beginning on Friday noon through Saturday at 3:00 PM.
 - Keep in contact with the Children's Ministry Consultant regarding the training.
 - Select training topics from non-exhaustive list provided.
 - Copy and pass out registration forms to all your current and interested volunteers.
 - Provide snacks and beverages for all participants. This can be done as a gift to the participants or a love offering can be collected. It is your choice.
 - Provide, if possible, a white board or flip chart and a CD player for the facilitator, as well as various common Sunday school supplies which the consultant will provide no later than one week prior to the training.
 - Invite your minister to pray in our training.
 - Assist with overnight accommodations for the facilitator to stay with a host family.
 - Assist with arranging ground transportation for the facilitator to and from the airport, church and host family home, if necessary.
- 4. Responsibilities of the coordinating Regional Consultant:**
 - Make travel arrangements to the host city via the nearest airport or via car.
 - Promote the training to all area ministries. Produce and mail all flyers and registration forms to all ministries. Send out reminder e-mails. Call and remind all area churches.
 - Work with host to adapt the training to ensure the needs of local volunteers are met.
 - Provide training materials for each participant.
 - Provide resource materials and curricula that you can order directly from the Association of Unity Churches and other sources.
- 5. Sunday observation of your Youth Ministry program is available upon request.**

The Regional Consultant has twenty years of Youth & Family Ministry experience as a Consultant and a Director, in various size churches and can offer a wealth of valuable information, as well as fresh perspective. She also has a desire to learn about your program and glean new ideas to share with other churches in her trainings. Just let her know.

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