



Let the Children Come

Preparing Faith Communities to End Child Abuse and Neglect

by *Jeanette Harder*

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- What are the responsibilities of the faith community in keeping children safe?
- How can churches keep children safe in their facilities and in their communities?
- What risk and protective factors can the church influence in families?
- How can faith communities and community professionals work together to prevent child abuse and neglect?

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“Sadly, children are being hurt and killed every day through abuse and neglect. While the church would like to believe that ‘it doesn’t happen here,’ research and experience tell us that it does. Members of our faith communities need training to recognize the signs of abuse and to know how to respond. Faith communities need to be reminded of their role in protecting children, strengthening families, and ending child abuse and neglect.”

—Jeanette Harder

If your students aren’t sure how to answer those questions, *Let the Children Come* is the book for you. This new research-based book from Herald Press describes child abuse and neglect, and compels churches to action in preventing this tragedy.

In the context of the Bible and faith, *Let the Children Come* helps the reader to learn about the Christians’ role in ending child abuse and neglect in all communities: church, home, extended family, neighborhood, school, work.

Use as a required or supplemental text in child welfare, family violence, or counseling courses. Real-life stories help to make this text readable and approachable. Citations provide opportunity for further study. Discussion questions and action items in each chapter can be used for classroom discussions and assignments.

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