



Faith Communities Keeping
Children & Youth Safe

Amish and Old Order Mennonites & Child Safety

*A cultural awareness training
for social service systems and workers*

This training gave us direction and confidence. —From a social service worker

The most helpful thing about the training is that it helps social services see that we are ordinary people. . . . We may do things different as conservative people, but we still have the same goals. We want to make sure our loved ones are safe. —From a member of the Plain community

This training will equip you with the knowledge and skills to relate effectively with Plain communities to keep children safe. It will help prepare you to conduct investigations and create safety plans, connect individuals to needed services, and recruit and support foster and adoptive homes in these conservative communities.



Who Are the Amish and Old Order Mennonites?

The Amish are the fastest growing subculture in North America, religious or nonreligious, with a current population of more than 340,000 individuals. They live in a way that is consistent with their faith and culture and as independent as possible from outside influences, including the government and media.

Available Training Topics:

- History, prevalence, diversity, and structure of Plain communities
- Core elements of faith, values, and culture, such as family life, gender roles, language, education, financial and occupation decisions, technology, and relationship to government
- Strengths and vulnerabilities related to child safety and abuse and neglect
- Effective strategies for social services at the micro, meso, and macro levels

Find more information about this training, go to:

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