

We knew this 'new' [TRUSTed con Confianza](#) Policy to better protect our children and vulnerable adults was not a surprise.

We had been told the year before it passed that it was coming, and we had a year to implement—pretty generous it seemed to us.

We already did background checks on anyone that worked with our children, and required nursery workers to have CPR and first aid certification.

So why procrastinate and instead let's git-r-done so we scheduled the FIRST training session taught by Rev Dr Tanya and made it available to everyone within our general area to attend. We even invited the local American Legion Post to come sell Tacos as a community outreach program and hopefully a way to entice more to attend.

So how has it gone? Well what is this thing CALLED? We sign up on Safe Gatherings, Rio TX calls it [TRUSTed con Confianza](#)— IT's the SAME thing just sign up and take it !!! Is the test hard? NOPE I passed it--- and if you get it wrong it has you try again. Do I HAVE to take it? Only if you want to help with VBS, Children's Church, Sunday School, go on ANY outings with youth or Seniors—YES you should take the class.

So a year later what is our biggest challenge? We have to pay MORE for nursery workers and we still do not have enough non related adults to handle the nursery every Sunday. We have run ads in the paper, posted to FB and appealed to the congregation and still we have one teen we need to replace. Will it happen? Yes it will happen.

CHANGE is not easy. CHANGE in a church is not easy. Most people don't like change because that means where we are comfortable now is going to be different. Even if it is BETTER some have trouble with adapting to CHANGE. Others WELCOME change. I have had some tell me that this is a sad reflection upon the society we live in today. I tell them no we are just better informed. We KNOW that predators of all kinds have been around for a very long time in our world—the difference is we as a society are SMARTER now and better EQUIPPED to handle situations as they arise.

I like to be nostalgic as much as anyone else but those old days they can have. I don't miss riding in cars and sleeping at night with NO AIR CONDITIONING. I won't miss the days when we don't do checks on those that are working with our youth and vulnerable adults. We OWE our youth and vulnerable adults the best care and best protection available—it is the correct Jesus response to care for those that cannot care for themselves. **Matthew 19: 14** Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." **15** When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Blessings
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