



The Lancaster County Plain Communities Task Force

The Plain Communities Task Force (PCTF) works alongside Amish and Old Order Mennonite friends and neighbors. Our goal is to help communities educate about how to:

- Keep children safe from sexual abuse
- Support victims in healing
- Stop those who abuse

The Plain Communities Task Force helps these communities by providing education and support such as:

- Education for teachers, pastors, families, and churches on sexual offending behavior.
- Materials for parents and others to teach their children “rules” to help them stay safe from abuse.
- Information for adults to learn what to do if they suspect abuse has taken place.
- Help finding counseling and other resources for healing. These include support services for adults who had abuse in childhood as well as children.

The Plain Communities Task Force was brought together in 2020 by the Honorable Dennis E. Reinaker. The group includes representatives from:

- YWCA Lancaster
- Adult Probation and Parole
- Gibbel Kraybill & Hess, LL
- Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health
- Safe Communities
- People from the community who have worked with Plain victims of abuse for many years

If you would like to learn more about how we can help, please call Andrea or Linda at Safe Communities at 717-560-9989 or Mary at 717-627-1611. We can meet at your home or other gathering place to talk about how we can best work together.

Please watch for additional information from us in the Busy Beaver!

And remember, if you suspect a child has been abused, call the PA ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313 to make a report. If you are not a mandatory reporter, you do not need to give your name.

