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GGCs, JGCs and BGCs in the United States and Canada,

The Board of Trustees is making significant changes to the training component for the Youth Protection Program. Today marks the start of a journey to streamline the CAV process and make becoming a CAV more convenient.

Our first step is to move to a full schedule of virtual training and eliminate in-person classes. This will allow flexibility for potential volunteers, no more waiting long periods of time or traveling long distances for a class. To ease this change we have deployed a new scheduler program where a class can be chosen based on the timing needs of the attendee. Each aspiring volunteer simply enrolls themselves directly into the class that makes sense for their schedule. We do recognize there may be a rare need to for an in-person class in the future and those will be handled on an exception basis.

The online class scheduler can be located on the Job's Daughters International website under the *Youth Protection* tab or directly at https://jobsdaughtersint.corsizio.com. Our virtual trainers are loading future classes into the tool periodically so check back often. Additionally, with this system, the YPP Regional Coordinator position is no longer needed and has been eliminated.

The next step will begin August 1st when training materials will be refreshed and the use of a professional training module on being a mandatory reporter will come into the curriculum. One of the biggest challenges over these years has been consistent training and creating up to date materials in this important area. The use of professional materials will ensure that our volunteers receive current information to fully understand their responsibilities in this area.

As we keep moving forward the plan is to eventually shift to a fully online education platform and away from 'live' trainings altogether. This goal will take some time and funding to accomplish, but it will move JDI into a more accessible set of materials for our busy volunteers.

Finally, I am announcing that our JDI YPP Coordinator, Mary Louise Gillispie will be retiring. Mary Louise has been invaluable in keeping our program on track and we wish her all the best in her retirement. The Board of Trustees has selected Stephanie Lagerman the new JDI YPP Coordinator and she will commence the duties of that role August 1st.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely Yours,

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