

Darkness to Light's® Stewards of Children is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. **The program believes and teaches that child safety is an adult's job.** *Stewards of Children* is designed for organizations that serve children and youth.

Information about the program may be found at www.darkness2light.org.

What are the distinctive features of *Stewards of Children*?

- ❖ **A comprehensive program** that incorporates all of the fundamental mechanics necessary in creating organizational policies and procedures that keep children safe. **Ideal for training staff and volunteers on child sexual abuse prevention.**
- ❖ Includes the **"7 Steps to Protecting our Children,"** Darkness to Light's core, evidence-based educational tool for sexual abuse prevention.
- ❖ A 2.5-hour training program that integrates the simple principles of **choice, consciousness, and personal power** to promote an understanding of the nature and impact of child sexual abuse, and that uses those principles to provide a context for empowered action. The curriculum is direct about **holding each adult accountable,** and generous in providing powerful, specific support for personal change.
- ❖ Video component of curriculum integrates personal stories of sexual abuse survivors, sharing their experiences of trauma and healing with the perspectives of **professionals working with various** issues of sexual abuse.
- ❖ The program is **motivational and compelling.** It calls participants into personal responsibility for the safety of children, while at the same time appreciates their fears and concerns.

How can it be used?

- ❖ **By organizations that seek training for staff and volunteers** in the prevention of child sexual abuse.
- ❖ **By organizations that need to respond to insurance requirements** regarding child protection.

Stewards of Children Works!

- ❖ In pre-post evaluations of trainings conducted in 9 different organizations that included faith centers, schools, community-based youth programs, and sports/recreational programs, **participants demonstrated a 38% improvement in knowledge about sexual abuse and in attitudes** about adult responsibility in the resolution of child sexual abuse after exposure to the **Stewards of Children** program. **Two months after training, participants showed a 29% increase in behaviors** focused on the protection of children from sexual abuse (e.g., they directed more questions about child protection policy to staff of youth-serving organizations; they talked more with children about healthy sexuality and protection from sexual abuse)
- ❖ **On a scale of 1 to 5 participant ratings on the quality and effectiveness of the program was higher than 4** on all questions, indicating that participants find the curriculum compelling.

How is the training delivered?

- ❖ **Stewards "Live"**--a 2.5 hour in person training, led by an authorized facilitator who uses a videotape, interactive workbook, and discussion to train responsible adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.
- ❖ **Stewards Online**--in April 2006, the 2.5 hour training program will be available in a web-based format.

How does my organization provide *Stewards of Children* to our staff and volunteers?

- ❖ **Hire a Darkness to Light facilitator** to conduct the training.
- ❖ **Identify and hire an authorized facilitator in your community** to conduct the training.
- ❖ **Sponsor an individual in your organization** to become an authorized facilitator.
- ❖ Have your staff members and volunteers **complete the training online** at www.darkness2light.org.

What is an authorized facilitator?

- ❖ An individual who has been **educated and equipped by Darkness to Light** to deliver the program within a particular organization and the broader community.
- ❖ An individual who has **access to all of the Stewards of Children training tools**.

Interested in this training for your organization or group?

Contact: The Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center
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Phone: 603-524-5497

For More Information:

Email stewards@d2l.org or call (843) 965-5444.

You can't afford to ignore sexual abuse. Protect their only childhood.