



DARKNESS to LIGHT

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN®

Research shows that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused by the time they turn 18. At Darkness to Light (D2L), we believe that adults are responsible for the safety of children, and we appreciate your desire to help protect the children in your community.



WHAT IS STEWARDS OF CHILDREN?

Stewards of Children is a 2-hour, evidence-informed training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for parents, youth serving organizations, and other concerned individuals.

"As an adult survivor of child sexual abuse, I hope society opens their eyes and ears, stops denying, and does all within their power to educate themselves on this topic." -CSA Survivor

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

- Increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child sexual abuse
- New skills to help adults prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse
- Positive change to organizational policies and procedures
- Individual empowerment through a personal prevention plan

WHAT ARE THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES?

- A 2-part DVD presentation integrating commentary from sexual abuse survivors, experts in the field, and other concerned adults, all providing practical guidance for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse
- An interactive workbook designed to facilitate discussion, reinforce key concepts, and serve as a resource guide and personal action plan for protecting children
- Interactive discussion about important issues in sexual abuse prevention and how they affect communities and youth serving organizations

"I love the cultural diversity in the materials." -Healthcare Worker



WHO USES THE PROGRAM?

Stewards of Children is for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community by educating adults about the protection of children. It is also used by youth serving organizations, business, and corporations that wish to:

- train staff and volunteers in child sexual abuse prevention
- enhance child protection policies and procedures, or respond to insurance requirements
- lead a community-based prevention initiative and offer training to people in their area

"Wonderful, insightful, empowering!! Sheds a lot of light on a touchy and scary subject."

-Community Member

HOW IS THE PROGRAM DELIVERED?

- Available online at www.D2L.org/online
- Available through a group session led by a D2L authorized facilitator. To find facilitators in your area, visit our directory at www.D2L.org/NearYou
- Available in a Spanish-language version hosted by psychologist and medical contributor for CNN en Español, Dr. Marisa Azaret

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY COMMUNITY?

Visit www.D2L.org to learn more about *Stewards of Children*, see where it is being offered in your state, or find ways to get your community involved in a grassroots initiative to end child sexual abuse.

"Knowing what I now know about this topic has compelled me to act. It is not hard, not inconvenient, and too important to dismiss. Take this program, everyone." -Criminal Justice Professor

*Where Can I Find
Stewards of Children?*

531,000
Stewards
of Children

50
US States

16
Additional
Countries

135
YMCA-led
Initiatives

350
Child Advocacy
Center Initiatives

Join the movement to end child sexual abuse! Visit www.D2L.org/Join for more information.

