



Darkness to Light is a national nonprofit headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina whose mission is to empower people to prevent child sexual abuse. At Darkness to light, we believe that adults are responsible for the safety of children and we appreciate your desire to help protect children in your community by exploring our program.



WHAT IS STEWARDS OF CHILDREN?

Stewards of Children is a prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors. Research findings from independent evaluators are available of www.D2L.org.

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM?

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

WHAT ARE THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES?

- A two-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 sexual abuse
- An interactive workbook designed to facilitate discussion, reinforce key concepts, and serve as a resource guide and personal action plan for resolving child sexual abuse
- A facilitator-led discussion about important issues in sexual abuse prevention and the relevance of these issues within the community and organizations that serve children



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 organizations, businesses, and corporations who:

- Seek training for staff and volunteers in the prevention of child sexual abuse
- Look to enhance their child protection policies and procedures or respond to insurance requirements
- Want to lead a community-based initiative and offer prevention training to the community

HOW IS THE PROGRAM DELIVERED?

Stewards of Children is a 2.5 hour training program led by authorized facilitators. The DELTA Project at New Directions offers Stewards of Children training free. To bring Stewards of Children to your group or organization contact Laurie Thompson (lauriebt54@gmail.com) or call (740) 397-4357.

LOCAL SUPPORT FOR STEWARDS OF CHILDREN

“I thought Stewards of Children was an excellent program, and I have heard only positive feedback from those who attended. The information will help empower our Sunday School teachers to stand up for the children of our congregation.”

Leslie Buehrer - Vineyard Church of Knox County

“This past winter I attended a workshop that has by far been the most powerful ‘prevention and response program’ I have experienced. ‘Stewards of Children’ is a program that every school, daycare, church, camp, and youth program should offer staff as a part of their job or volunteer training.”

Kathy Bomba - L.P.N./Foster/Adoptive Parent

“I enjoyed the training, it opened my eyes and I talked about it with my kids last night. I wish everyone could attend this class.”

Lona Helfrich - Workforce Specialist, Opportunity Knox Employment Center,
Knox County Department of Jobs and Family Services