



# DARKNESS TO LIGHT

## PARTNER IN PREVENTION

About 1 in 10 children in the United States will be sexually abused by the age of 18.

### PROTECTION STANDARDS

Whether you provide education, services, or programming, your youth serving organization has a responsibility to operate by standards that best protect children from sexual abuse. These include:

- Comprehensive background checks for all staff and volunteers who work with children
- Policies that eliminate or reduce opportunities for isolated, one-on-one situations
- Proper monitoring and supervision of staff, volunteers, and children
- A process for documenting and reporting policy violations, suspicions, and abuse
- Child sexual abuse prevention training for all staff and volunteers



### WHAT IS DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S STEWARDS OF CHILDREN?

Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children*<sup>®</sup> prevention training provides a proactive answer to child sexual abuse prevention. This 2-hour training incorporates a combination of survivor stories, expert advice, and practical guidance. It is the only nationally available, evidence-informed program of its kind, and it is shown to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child-protective behaviors.

### WHY CHOOSE STEWARDS OF CHILDREN FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION?

*Stewards of Children* is appropriate for use by a wide variety of youth serving organizations. Training addresses:

- Prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse
- What situations create the risk for sexual abuse
- Effective strategies for protecting children
- Behaviors and grooming techniques practiced by perpetrators
- How to intervene and react responsibly if warning signs appear or abuse is discovered



## FROM STEWARDS TO PARTNER

Once your organization's staff and volunteers complete the *Stewards of Children* program, you're well on your way to becoming a Darkness to Light *Partner in Prevention*.

As a Partner, your organization will earn annual distinction for your commitment to child protection. You will also receive a *Partner in Prevention* emblem and poster for display at your facility, as well as a digital badge for use on websites, newsletters, and marketing materials.

To become a Partner, your organization should:

- Train 90% of staff and volunteers who work with children in Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children*.
- Commit to train all new employees and volunteers in a timely manner.
- Repeat training for staff and volunteers every 3 years.
- Complete and submit your *Partner in Prevention* application at [D2L.org/Partner](http://D2L.org/Partner).



## A NETWORK OF PROTECTION

Demonstrate your organization's commitment to providing a safe environment for children: become a Darkness to Light *Partner in Prevention* today!

For More Information on D2L's *Partner in Prevention* Designation:

**Phone:** 843-965-5444

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**Website:** [D2L.org/Partner](http://D2L.org/Partner)

Join the movement to end child sexual abuse! Visit [www.D2L.org/Join](http://www.D2L.org/Join) for more information.

