



DARKNESS TO LIGHT

FREE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR ALL TEXAS SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent issue children face today. It can have devastating, long-term consequences for both victims and communities.

As mandated reporters, educators and other school staff play an important role in child abuse reporting. As such, Texas law requires that all school employees participate in a training concerning prevention techniques for and recognition of sexual abuse and other maltreatment of children (TEC § 38.0041).



“Stewards of Children provides educators with proactive tools that enable them to recognize the warning signs and to implement preventative best practices.” -Debra Mahfouz Jordan, Ed. D., Junior High Principal, Region V

WHY CHOOSE STEWARDS OF CHILDREN?

Through funding from several generous grants, *Stewards of Children* is available **free** to all Texas school district and open-enrollment charter school employees. It is the only nationally available, scientifically evaluated prevention training program of its kind, with an evidence-informed platform that addresses the needs of geographically and socioeconomically diverse campuses of all sizes. This training takes a compassionate, engaging approach to child sexual abuse prevention using a combination of survivor stories, expert advice, and practical guidance.

Other advantages include:

1. Convenience and ease of use for districts through online individual training, facilitator-led group sessions, and train the trainer opportunities.
2. Ability to track, monitor, and maintain training records for all school personnel as required by Texas law (TEC § 38.0041(d)).
3. May be provided in coordination with partnering districts, Education Service Centers (ESCs), Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs), and other community organizations to strengthen local training and prevention efforts.
4. Approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and eligible for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits.

GETTING STARTED

Depending on the needs of the school or district, *Stewards of Children* can be taken either online or through a facilitator-led session. Both options include:

- Training length of approximately 2 hours
- Availability in both English and Spanish
- TEA-approval for 2 CPE credit hours*

*See www.D2L.org/TXEd for eligibility details.



ONLINE TRAINING OPTION

The online format allows school personnel to take the training at any time or place, at their own pace. The Learning Management System (LMS) platform provides check-in questions throughout the course, and a printable certificate is provided upon the successful completion of all sections. This version is delivered in an individual, rather than group, setting.

The online option also allows administrators to track trainings and access reports with registrations, scores, and training dates for their district or school. Administrators interested in this feature can contact D2L at Stewards@D2L.org, and a representative will set up a tracking account for the school or district.

FACILITATOR-LED TRAINING OPTION

The facilitator-led format utilizes a live group session guided by a Darkness to Light authorized facilitator.

Your district or campus may arrange to have a facilitator train staff at a predetermined campus location, or you may choose to have someone on your staff become authorized as a facilitator. An authorized facilitator on staff will then be able to work with Darkness to Light to ensure that new school personnel are trained as required, and to help ensure sustainability of training for all future employees.

E-mail Stewards@D2L.org to arrange a group training or inquire about train the trainer opportunities for your district or campus.

“Darkness to Light helped our staff learn the signs of child sexual abuse, along with great prevention and response strategies.”

-Lauren Buckley, District Counselor, Junior High Principal, Region V

BRING STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TO YOUR SCHOOL

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