

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

RECOGNIZING & RESPONDING TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT



It's an adult's responsibility to protect children from all forms of abuse. Understanding how to recognize and report abuse helps prepare you to take action if necessary to protect a child.

Teaching definitions and indicators of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect, this training also teaches you about the legal obligations as a mandated reporter defined by your state. Building on the education provided in *Stewards of Children*[®], Darkness to Light's evidence-based training on preventing, recognizing, and reacting responsibly to child sexual abuse, this training is intended for educators but is broad enough for parents and caregivers, faith center staff, and youth serving organizations to benefit. It is highly recommended that participants complete *Stewards of Children*[®] prior to taking the course.

Available both online or as an in-person session delivered by an authorized Darkness to Light Facilitator, the training is also available in a Spanish-language version hosted by psychologist and CNN medical contributor Dr. Maris Azaret.

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

During the training, you will hear compelling stories from experts and survivors. You will also:

- identify signs of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect.
- understand your legal obligations as a mandated reporter as defined by your state.
- know the steps for reporting, including essential information to provide.
- understand the value of your role as a mandated reporter and name potential positive outcomes of reporting.
- name the basic skills of handling a child's disclosure of maltreatment.

WHAT ARE THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES?

Darkness to Light is proud to offer this training, which includes:

- stories from featured survivors, experts, youth serving professionals, and parents.
- a course worksheet designed to help reinforce key concepts and serve as a resource guide on recognizing and responding to child abuse and neglect.
- interactive discussion about important issues in sexual abuse prevention and how they affect communities and youth serving organizations (facilitator-led only).
- knowledge checks (online only).

Find a facilitator in your area at www.D2L.org/nearyou or take the course online at www.D2L.org/training.



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This information is intended only as a supplement to Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children[®] training, which provides in-depth learning, tools, and practical guidelines to help adults prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. For more information on Stewards of Children[®], visit www.D2L.org/Stewards.