

EFFICACY OF TRAINING

EVALUATING DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S STEWARDS OF CHILDREN® PREVENTION TRAINING



Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® program has been extensively evaluated. It is the only evidence-informed child sexual abuse training program available nationally.

The *Stewards of Children*® child sexual abuse prevention training curriculum has undergone three quasi-experimental studies and a 3-year study using full experimental design (RCT). It has been shown to increase knowledge and positively change child-protective behaviors over time.

Two further studies have produced data that suggest that the *Stewards of Children*® program is effective in increasing educator and youth-serving professional reporting of previously unrecognized abuse to the authorities, which may lead to direct positive outcomes for children.

Additionally, the *Stewards of Children*® curriculum has undergone rigorous review by the US Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse.

- *Stewards of Children*® is the only OJJDP sexual assault rape Model Program focusing on adult prevention.
- *Stewards of Children*® training is rated by the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse as a promising practice and is the only rated program that serves the staff and volunteers of schools and other youth-serving organizations.

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