



TRAINING HIGHLIGHT:

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEX TRAFFICKING

Child sexual abuse makes children more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. More than 90% of children who are commercially sexually exploited have been sexually abused in the past.

Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is any sexual activity involving a child for which something of value is given or promised. Building on the education provided in *Stewards of Children*[®], Darkness to Light's evidence-informed training on preventing, recognizing, and reacting responsibly to child sexual abuse, this training teaches you about the root cause of commercial sexual exploitation and why preventing sexual abuse is important to reducing the risk of children being sexually exploited. 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 about how talking to kids can help prevent sexual abuse. You will also:

- recognize what sex trafficking is and what circumstances make children vulnerable.
- examine the root causes and impact of sex trafficking through the stories of two survivors.
- interpret how preventing child sexual abuse reduces the risk for children being commercially sexually exploited.
- describe actions adults can take to prevent child sex trafficking.

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 exploitation.
- 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 or take the course online by visiting www.D2L.org/get-trained.