

Stewards of Children

2-HOUR TRAINING THAT TEACHES ADULTS HOW TO PREVENT,
RECOGNIZE & REACT RESPONSIBLY TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

2 Dates to
Choose From!

Wednesday, July 17th 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, July 20th 9:00-11:00am

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Abita Springs Town Hall

22161 Level Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

Cost: FREE 2 hr CEUs earned

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Child sexual abuse is a community problem. To be intentional about protecting children, adults need to come together and boldly confront the issue. The *Children's Advocacy Center/Hope House* has become the lead organization for prevention efforts in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes and is pleased to offer Stewards of Children to community members interested in protecting our most valuable and vulnerable citizens – our children. The program drives home the point that abuse can be stopped in *real-time!*

WHY DO WE NEED THIS PROGRAM?

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys is sexually abused before age 18.
- 90% of our victims are abused by someone they know.
- 319 children were interviewed for allegations of abuse at Hope House in 2018.
- Child abuse costs our community 2 million dollars annually.

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Stewards of Children is a 2-hour training program led by an Authorized Facilitator that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors. Research findings from independent evaluators are available on www.D2L.org.

To become **conscious** of child sexual abuse means to **know what it is**, to **acknowledge** its prevalence, to **understand** how it occurs, and to actively **take steps** to protect children.



DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S
STEWARDS
OF CHILDREN®

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- A two-part DVD presentation integrating commentary from sexual abuse survivors, experts in the field and other concerned adults all providing practical guidance for preventing and responding to sexual abuse.
- An interactive workbook designed to facilitate discussion, reinforce key concepts, and serve as a resource guide and personal action plan for resolving child sexual abuse.
- A Facilitator-led discussion about important issues in sexual abuse prevention and the relevance of these issues within the community and organizations that serve children.
- Darkness to Light's® 5 Steps to Protecting Our Children: A guide for adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child sexual abuse.
- New skills for adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.
- Positive change to organizational policies and procedures.
- Individual commitment to action through a personal prevention plan.

WHO USES THE PROGRAM?

- Organizations and businesses seeking to train staff & volunteers in the prevention of child sexual abuse.
- Organizations and businesses looking to enhance their child protection policies and procedures or respond to insurance requirements.
- Individuals desiring to learn more about how they can protect children and make a difference in their community.

Become a part of the solution in your community and help us effect cultural change. To schedule a Stewards of Children training, please contact Hope House at (985) 892-3885 x1 or coordinator@cachepehouse.org. Individuals may also register for our ongoing trainings held monthly at Hope House.



*Serving as the voice of hope, healing, and awareness
for St. Tammany and Washington Parishes.*