



The Nord Center

Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare

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The Nord Center offers free *Stewards of Children* Sexual Abuse Prevention Training to Lorain County Businesses and Organizations

The Nord Center's Kidz First Children's Advocacy Center has partnered with Darkness to Light, a nationally acclaimed non-profit, to bring its award-winning *Stewards of Children* sexual abuse prevention training program to Lorain County.

Stewards of Children is a comprehensive training program designed to educate organizations that serve children and adolescents on how to recognize, prevent and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is proven to change beliefs, actions and attitudes towards child sexual abuse. Training is of specific interest to parents, youth sports organizations / coaches / camp counselors, youth service organizations, teachers / school personnel and faith centers.

Each participant will be inspired to take personal responsibility for preventing this epidemic. *Stewards of Children* facilitates discussion about the incidence and consequences of abuse and presents information about child protection policies and reporting mandates. Continuing education hours for professionals in various fields can also be obtained.

Take the first step towards child abuse prevention by scheduling a *Stewards of Children* training program for your business or organization. The training is free, and includes an interactive workbook and companion brochure, 7 Steps to Protecting Our Children. To schedule a training session, contact Becky Opel at ropel@nordcenter.org or 440.204.4188. For more information about the program, visit www.d2l.org.

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