



The Nord Center

“Stewards of Children” Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

offered by

The Nord Center’s Kidz First Children’s Advocacy Center

The problem of child sexual abuse is devastating, but it can be prevented or reduced if adults practice simple proactive steps in caring for the children in their lives. The Nord Center has partnered with the Lorain County Children and Families Council and Darkness to Light, a nationally acclaimed non-profit, to bring its award-winning “Stewards of Children” sexual abuse prevention program to Lorain County.

“Stewards of Children” is a prevention training program 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.

Program Highlights:

- Facts about the problems of child sexual abuse
- Type of situations in which child sexual abuse can occur
- Simple, effective strategies for protecting children from sexual abuse
- The importance of talking about the prevention of sexual abuse with children and other adults
- The signs of sexual abuse so that you are able to intervene and react responsibly

Training Objectives:

- Increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences and circumstances of child sexual abuse
- New skills to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse
- Individual commitment to action via a personal prevention plan

“Stewards of Children” Sexual Abuse Prevention: 2 hour training

For more information, or to schedule *Stewards of Children* training for your organization, contact Jamie Gfell at jgfell@nordcenter.org or **440.204.4273**



For information about Darkness to Light and the *Stewards of Children* program, visit www.d2l.org.





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Additional trainings available:

Bystanders Protecting Children From Boundary Violations and Sexual Abuse: 1 hour training

This course will teach you how to be an active bystander in child sexual abuse prevention and response. In this training, you will learn what it means to be an active bystander. You will receive examples of boundary violations and inappropriate behaviors and how you can make spontaneous and planned interventions that reinforce boundaries and protect children. This course is one hour in length.

Healthy Touch for Children and Youth: 1 hour training

This course will teach you some guidelines for healthy touch and safe and respectful ways to interact with children. In this course, you will receive some guidelines for healthy touch at home and in youth serving setting. You will learn how to balance children's needs for warmth and affection with safe, respectful ways of interacting. You will also learn what healthy sexual development is in children so that you can understand their touching behaviors with others. This course is one hour in length.

Talking With Children About Safety from Sexual Abuse: 1 hour training

This course will teach you how to talk with and listen to children about sexual abuse and personal safety. In this course, you will learn why relationships and resilience are the building blocks of safety for children. You will also receive examples of how to talk about personal safety with children of all ages and learn how to use everyday opportunities to talk with children about sexual abuse. This course is one hour in length.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: 1 hour training

This course will teach you about the root causes of commercial sexual exploitation and why preventing sexual abuse is important to reducing the risk of children being sexually exploited. In this training, you will learn about the commercial sexual exploitation of children through the stories of two courageous survivors. You will learn about the root causes and about some actions adults can take to reduce the risk of children being commercially sexually exploited. This course is one hour in length.

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