



Champions For Children: Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads is a 501 (c) (3) organization that has served the Hampton Roads region since 1983 in the quest to prevent child abuse and neglect. Champions For Children focuses its efforts and resources on public awareness, education and advocacy for the prevention of all forms of child abuse and neglect.

Research shows that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused by the time they turn 18. Champions for Children: Prevent Child Abuse has selected an outstanding evidence based program called *Stewards of Children**. The program was developed by Darkness to Light and focuses on the responsibility of adults in keeping children safe and is designed to train adults who care for children in child sexual abuse prevention.

Champions For Children: Prevent Child Abuse has financed and hosted the training of 10 certified Facilitators in the *Stewards of Children* child sexual abuse prevention program. Since then, two more certified Facilitators have trained and added to our group. Twelve Facilitators are ready to train adults who care for children using this outstanding evidence-based prevention program.

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN®

What is Stewards of Children?

Stewards of Children is a 2-hour, evidence-based training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for childcare workers, youth serving organizations, parents, and other concerned individuals.

“As an adult survivor of child sexual abuse, I hope society opens their eyes and ears, stops denying, and does all within their power to educate themselves on this topic.” -CSA Survivor

What are the Outcomes?

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

What are the Distinctive Features?

- A 2-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 child sexual abuse
- An interactive workbook designed to facilitate discussion, reinforce key concepts, and serve as a resource guide and personal action plan for protecting children
- Interactive discussion about important issues in sexual abuse prevention and how they affect communities and youth serving organizations

Who uses the Program?

Stewards of Children is for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community by educating adults about the protection of children. It is also used by youth serving organizations, business, and corporations that wish to:

- Train staff and volunteers in child sexual abuse prevention
- Enhance child protection policies and procedures, or respond to insurance requirements
- Lead a community-based prevention initiative and offer training to people in their area

Wonderful, insightful, empowering!! Sheds a lot of light on a touchy and scary subject.” -Community Member

How does Champions For Children: Prevent Child Abuse deliver the Stewards of Children program?

- Champions For Children coordinates training with organizations by confirming a Certified Facilitator, time, date, and location for each training. A Champions Certified Facilitator will lead the training for each group and is responsible for room set up, materials and individual workbooks to each session.
- **The cost per person for training is \$10.** This amount covers the cost of materials used in the training and is paid to Champions For Children.
- **Training hours will transfer as Continuing Education credits for participants.**
- Champions will gather information on what participants learn and what they do differently after training in order to measure the program impact in Hampton Roads.
- Contact LaVern Morris, Champions For Children – Stewards of Children Liaison, at (o) 757-668-7495 or (c) 757-373-8290 or stewardsofchildrenhr@gmail.com for more information on training delivery. And be sure to visit our website at: www.championsforchildrenhr.org

Knowing what I now know about this topic has compelled me to act. It is not hard, not inconvenient,.. and too important to dismiss. Take this program, everyone.” -Criminal Justice Professor

* *Stewards of Children* program was developed by Darkness to Light, a nonprofit created in 2000 in Charleston, SC. The mission of Darkness to Light is to the incidence of child sexual abuse through public awareness and education. Champions Facilitators were trained by an Authorized Facilitator of the *Stewards of Children* program. The information on this document is taken from Darkness to Light published information.

Visit www.D2L.org for more information on Darkness to Light and *Stewards of Children* program.