

ABOUT DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Darkness to Light is a national nonprofit committed to empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse. We are guided by our vision to create a world where child sexual abuse does not exist.

We believe that every child has the right to a happy, healthy, and safe childhood, and that protecting children is an adult responsibility. We also believe that education is critical for prevention efforts and that all successful initiatives start in the local community. Using an evidence-informed approach, Darkness to Light programs teach adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

WHO WE SERVE

Children are the ultimate beneficiary of what we do. We seek to provide all children with the opportunity to grow up healthy and happy, with their sexual boundaries intact. In this endeavor, Darkness to Light enlists the support and assistance of concerned adults in communities across the nation and globe, including:

- educators in public and private school settings.
- staff and volunteers in youth serving organizations.
- staff and infant/youth workers in faith centers.
- students enrolled in youth serving degree plans at higher learning institutions.
- parents and caregivers.

WHAT WE DO

Darkness to Light offers a variety of training and programs designed to help adults protect children from sexual abuse. Research has shown that when adults complete our training, they feel more equipped and are more likely to intervene in suspected abuse. We offer several training options and programs, including:

- **5 Steps to Protecting Our Children™** - a blueprint for preventing child sexual abuse.
- **Stewards of Children®** - a prevention program for adults that increases knowledge, improves attitudes, and changes child-protective behaviors. This program is available online or through an in-person, facilitator-led session.
- **Partner in Prevention** - a designation available to organizations that implement child protective policies and provide *Stewards of Children®* training to all volunteers and staff who work with children.
- **Prevent Now!** - a model of community engagement that provides the tools for building and sustaining community prevention efforts.
- **866-FOR-LIGHT** - a helpline of trained specialists that routes callers to information and support services in their local community.



“Darkness to Light helped me see that I’m not helpless and there are ways that I can protect the kids I love. I can help prevent child sexual abuse, and Darkness to Light makes taking action simple and effective.”

- Parent and Coach



TRAINING SUCCESSES

Darkness to Light has built the largest network of child protection advocates in the world, with over 9,000 authorized program facilitators in all 50 states and 17 international locations. It is through this amazing network of child protection advocates that our training success has been achieved.

- Trained over 1,000,000 adults trained to protect children, worldwide
- Trained over 100,000 school personnel in the state of Texas as part of a statewide legislative mandate guided by the Texas Education Agency
- 600 Texas teachers trained on August 21, 2013, representing the largest single-day training of its kind
- Nearly 40,000 teachers trained in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Education — the first statewide educator-focused prevention program in the country
- 799 teachers trained in Fayette County, Georgia, on May 28, 2014, setting a new single-day training record and becoming the first Metro Atlanta school system to train all staff in child sexual abuse prevention
- Implemented as in-course curriculum at multiple colleges and universities throughout the United States, including a campus-wide training initiative for all staff, volunteers, and cadets at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and training initiatives at all Delaware universities
- Training partnerships with over 250 YMCAs throughout the country, including statewide YMCA initiatives in New Jersey, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island
- Ongoing training of all New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety employees, mandated by Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- 2014** - Telly Award for the *Stewards of Children*® documentary video production
- 2014** - Recognition by the United Nations Foundation as a worldwide Top 5 Child Rights Program
- 2013** - Social Responsibility Champion Award from the New Jersey Alliance of YMCAs
- 2013** - Designation as a model program by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- 2013** - Impact Grant from the Cornerstone OnDemand Foundation, enabling access to *Stewards of Children*® through one of the most advanced online learning management systems available
- 2007** - Crime Prevention Program of the Year from the National Crime Prevention Council

