

## **Stewards of Children**

### **Child sexual abuse prevention training available to New Hampshire communities**



Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) throughout New Hampshire can provide child sexual abuse prevention training to communities across the state. The training titled *Stewards of Children* is an award winning evidence-based training curriculum that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Unlike many prevention curriculums that focus on teaching children to protect themselves, the *Stewards of Children* program is targeted at adults only. Owned and developed by the South Carolina based Darkness to Light, *Stewards of Children* operates from the premise that it is an adults job to protect children from abuse and that trying to teach children how to ward off child predators shows a lack of understanding with regards to the dynamics of child sexual abuse.

*Stewards of Children* believes that many adults are inadequate at protecting children from abuse for three reasons: 1.) a low awareness of the prevalence, consequences and circumstances of child sexual abuse; 2.) limited knowledge of the needed steps and actions necessary to protect children from sexual abuse; and 3.) a community reluctance to take action in response to suspicions of abuse.

The *Stewards of Children* education prevention training is designed for parents, community groups, faith organizations, educators, coaches, youth leagues and virtually any organization or entity that interacts with children regularly.

Thus far, more than 160 adults across the state have been trained in *Stewards of Children* - and to rave reviews! If you are interested in bringing the *Stewards of Children* Training to your community, contact your local Child Advocacy Center. Trainings are free (at least until our supply of training materials runs out!) Make it a point to protect children in your community by contacting your local Child Advocacy Center and learning more about how you can bring the *Stewards of Children* training to your community.

Find your local CAC: <http://www.nhncac.org/directory.php>