



Memphis  
**Child Advocacy  
Center**

## Prevention Services for Youth-Serving Organizations

***1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18. Ninety percent are abused by someone known to the child. This includes trusted adults: parents, coaches, clergy, mentors, counselors, and teachers.***

Child sexual abuse is not an easy problem to solve, but there are proven tools your organization can use to protect kids in your care from hidden danger. The Memphis Child Advocacy Center (CAC) offers evidence-based training and consultation to assist your organization in preparing leadership, staff, and volunteers, updating policy and procedure, or getting expert advice on responding to suspected sexual abuse.

### **Best practice prevention training**

The CAC is the only agency in Shelby County that offers the ***Stewards of Children*** sexual abuse prevention program—the only prevention training with demonstrated effectiveness—developed by Darkness to Light. This revolutionary program takes a direct and comprehensive approach to educating adults and youth-serving organizations to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

***Stewards of Children*** is a 2 ½ hour training that engages participants fully. The curriculum discusses the principles of choice, consciousness, personal power, and relentless compassion to motivate individuals to action. A compelling video shares the stories of several courageous survivors of child sexual abuse who now work to end the cycle of abuse in our culture. The training provides an opportunity for solution-focused discussion about confronting sexual abuse prevention issues within organizations that serve children and adolescents. ***Stewards of Children*** addresses the tough issues about adult accountability and the support necessary for personal change, taking into consideration any fears or concerns. A \$10 charge per participant covers the cost of the workbook.

### **Policy review**

In order to create the safest space possible for kids, organizations need more than just training. Your organization's policy and procedure needs to include provisions for preventing, responding, and reporting abuse. Our ***Stewards of Children*** authorized facilitator is able to guide your organization through the development of best practice sexual abuse prevention policies and procedures.

### **How to get involved**

If you would like to receive more information about the ***Stewards of Children*** training, need consultation on policy, or even advice on responding to a situation at your institution, please contact Keita Cooley, Education Consultant, at 901-888-4362 or [kcooley@memphiscac.org](mailto:kcooley@memphiscac.org). The actions you take today may help save a child from unimaginable, undeserved suffering.

*The mission of the Memphis Child Advocacy Center is to serve children who are victims of sexual and severe physical abuse through prevention, education and intervention.*

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