



April 2018

Child Abuse Prevention Month Training

Attend a **free training** to raise awareness on how to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect.

Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children®

Learn to protect children from experiencing sexual abuse. One in 10 children experience sexual abuse before age 18 — an alarming reality — and there is hope because abuse can be prevented. Professionals experienced in working with child abuse survivors will lead interactive sessions of Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® training. Learn what individuals and organizations can do to better protect children.

Tues., April 3, 2–4:30 p.m. | Fri., April 20, 1–3:30 p.m. | Mon., April 23, 9–11:30 a.m.

Responding Responsibly to Child Abuse and Neglect

Find out what to do if you suspect a child is abused or neglected. Learn how to recognize the signs and make a report to Child Protective Services. Mandated reporters will learn about changes in CPS law, and legal obligations to report suspicions of abuse and neglect. This training is applicable to anyone interested in learning how Alexandria CPS responds to child abuse and neglect in our community. Conducted by Alexandria CPS social workers.

Thurs., April 12, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Wed., April 25, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For community members who live, work or volunteer in the City of Alexandria. All trainings held at the Center for Alexandria's Children, 1900 N. Beauregard Street, St. 200, Alexandria. Free parking. Registration is required at: <http://bit.ly/2FVWAJf>. Certificates of completion are available at the end of each training. For more information contact Susan Britton at susan@alexandriaskids.org.

Any training can be scheduled for groups in the City of Alexandria. Groups interested in these trainings, or those on the back of this handout may email susan@alexandriaskids.org to schedule.

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Responding Responsibly to Child Abuse and Neglect*

What to do with suspicions of child abuse or neglect and how to recognize the signs and make a report to Child Protective Services. For mandated reporters and all interested individuals.

Film Screening on Childhood Exposure to Trauma

Watch the 60-minute, award-winning documentary Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope. Take the Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening (ACES), and learn what research indicates about childhood exposure to trauma.

Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Training®*

This foundation training will help individuals and organizations learn what they can do to protect children from experiencing sexual abuse.

Additional Stewards of Children Training

These 1½ -2-hour trainings explore the topics in the foundational Stewards of Children training. Completion of the foundational course prior to taking the following is recommended.

1. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Learn about child sexual trafficking, which is any sexual activity involving a child for which something of value is given or promised. Hear from survivors and those trying to help about how preventing child sexual abuse reduces the risk of future victimization.

2. Bystanders Protecting Children from Boundary Violations

How to be an active bystander in child sexual abuse prevention and response. Learn how to recognize boundary violations and inappropriate behaviors, and intervene when necessary.

3. Talking with Children about Safety from Sexual Abuse

Learn how to talk with children about personal safety and sex to create a protective bond between parent and child, and instill knowledge that makes children less vulnerable.

4. Healthy Touch for Children and Youth

How healthy affection from parents, family members, and youth serving professionals/volunteers helps protect children from sexual abuse. Learn about healthy sexual development in children, and how to identify normal and concerning behaviors.

For more information about these trainings, or to schedule a training for your group, visit alexandriava.gov/ChildAbuse or contact Susan Britton at susan@alexandriaskids.org.

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