

# Child Abuse Prevention Trainings

## Responding Responsibly to Child Abuse and Neglect\*

What to do with suspicion 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 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](http://alexandriava.gov/ChildAbuse) or contact Doug Brown at [doug.brown@alexandriava.gov](mailto:doug.brown@alexandriava.gov).

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