



Virtual *Stewards of Children*® Training FAQ Sheet

Why is the *Stewards of Children*® training important to me and my organization?

Experts estimate that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday. Ninety percent of children who are sexually abused are violated by someone they know and trust. This includes adults and older youth of all types: teachers, coaches, ministers, mentors, counselors, and parents.

This program takes a direct and comprehensive approach to the problem of child sexual abuse. A compelling video, the core of the curriculum, includes the stories of several courageous individuals who were victims of sexual abuse as children and who have contributed a great deal of time and effort as adults toward ending the cycle of abuse. The program is motivational and compelling. It calls participants into personal responsibility for the safety of children, while at the same time appreciates their fears and concerns.

What will I learn from *Stewards of Children*®?

- The facts of child sexual abuse – incidence rates and effects on children, their families, and society;
- How child sexual abuse happens;
- That adults are responsible for the protection of children;
- The importance of screening staff/volunteers who work with children and adolescents;
- The importance of minimizing one-adult/one-child situations and developing well-conceived policies in youth-serving organizations that support this;
- How to recognize the signs of sexual abuse;
- Skills to react responsibly to incidents or suspicions of child sexual abuse; and
- The proactive role that communities need to take to protect children and educate others about child sexual abuse.

What is the format of the training?

The training incorporates a video presentation of survivors' stories and steps to protecting children and group discussion led by the facilitator. The video is broken in to 2 parts. After each part, the group participates in guided discussions.

All virtual trainings are hosted on Zoom.

How long is the training?

The training is 2.5 hours. Please ensure that your organization can allot this amount of time.

What is the minimum number of people required to host a private training for my organization? What is the maximum number of people per session?

The **minimum** number of people required to host a private training is 10 people. In addition to the 10 registered, we also require at least 5 people in the training itself. If these minimums are not met, the training will be canceled, and alternative options will be offered (please see the cancellation policy section for more information). If you have a group smaller than 10, please consider attending one of our *Stewards of Children*[®] community training dates hosted by Safe Shores once a month. These monthly trainings are open to the public and are available in English and Spanish. Dates, times, and registration can be found on our website:

<https://www.safeshores.org/get-involved/stewards-of-children/>

The **maximum** number of people a session can hold is between 30-35 people, which allows for all participants to engage in discussion comfortably. If your group is larger than the ideal 30-35, Safe Shores can work with you to accommodate such a request. We can schedule multiple training sessions in a variety of ways to divide the group up as evenly as possible. Some examples include scheduling simultaneous trainings, scheduling on different days, or stacking the trainings in the morning, afternoon and/or evening.

What is expected from my group in a virtual setting?

To protect the fidelity of the *Stewards of Children*[®] training model and to mimic similar levels of engagement in a virtual setting, the following guidelines are highly encouraged from all participants:

- **Camera participation is required during the discussion sessions** to receive a virtual interactive workbook, Certificate of Completion, and CEUs. This will help us truly engage with each other, build a sense of community around this topic, and simulate the type of experience we would have if we were in a physical space. Those who cannot participate with their cameras on are encouraged to engage verbally or in the chat box during discussion.
- **Virtual interactive workbooks, Certificates of Completion, and CEUs will not be granted to those who arrive late or leave early.** There is a 10-minute grace period before we stop admitting people into the training. Participants are required to stay for the entirety of the training to receive the materials.
- **The training is not appropriate for young children.** Please ensure that participants know to be in a private space away from children, if possible, or use headphones.

Will Safe Shores handle the logistics before, during, and after training?

Before Training:

Once the organization submits the Training Request Form, one of our staff members will send you a confirmation email with a copy of your request and the registration link(s) for the training(s). The organization is responsible for sharing the registration link(s) with their group(s) to pre-register. After registering, registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training.

During Training:

A Safe Shores *Stewards of Children*® Authorized Facilitator and an Operations Support (OS) person will be assigned to each training. OS is responsible for admitting people into the training, keeping track of attendance, and assisting with any technical needs the facilitator and/or participants may have throughout the training.

After Training:

Safe Shores will email all participants a Certificate of Completion and submit CEU paperwork to the appropriate crediting agencies. All participants will also receive an email from Darkness to Light containing instructions on how to access their virtual interactive workbooks. A copy of the sign-in sheet(s), copies of attendee certificates, and an invoice (if applicable) will be emailed to the point of contact at the organization within 5-7 business days after training.

What is the cancellation policy?

We ask that organizations notify Safe Shores as soon as they know the scheduled training needs to be canceled or rescheduled. Otherwise, organizations can cancel up to the day of.

Safe Shores holds the right to cancel the training if there are less than 10 people registered prior to the training and if there are less than 5 people in the training itself. Organizations and participants will be notified of these requirements.

Does *Stewards of Children*® qualify for any continuing education units (CEUs)?

Stewards of Children® is approved for 2 continuing education units by the following agencies:

- District of Columbia's Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)
- Child and Family Services Agency – Child Welfare Training Academy (CFSA-CWTA)
- The National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

- Ohio Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (OBN-001-91)
- Dentist and Dental Hygienist

How much does a *Stewards of Children*® training cost?

The training is valued at \$10.00 per person and includes a virtual *Stewards of Children*® interactive workbook, downloadable handouts on local community resources, healthy sexual development and mandated reporting, a virtual Certificate of Attendance, and an Authorized Facilitator to present the training.

What alternative options are available if we do not meet the minimum person requirement or if a group member is unable to attend?

Option 1:

Register for a free community virtual *Stewards of Children*® training hosted by Safe Shores once a month. These monthly sessions are hosted live by an Authorized Facilitator and are open to the public. Available in English and Spanish. Visit our website for dates, times, and registration links: <https://www.safeshores.org/get-involved/stewards-of-children/>

Option 2:

Take the online version of *Stewards of Children*® through Darkness to Light's (D2L) [Flip the Switch Campaign in partnership with Aly Raisman](#). The system can save the users spot if they do not finish the training in one sitting, so that the user may come back later to complete the training. Use Aly's special code **FLIPTHESWITCH** to access the online training at no cost.

This free option is only available in English. If you wish to take the Spanish version, please visit <http://www.d2l.org/education/stewards-of-children/online/> for more information.

Both options will provide a Certificate of Completion.

For additional questions, comments, or concerns, please contact:

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