



## **For Immediate Release**

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# **FREE Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Available to Adults in Northeast Florida!**

*May 24, 2016 – Jacksonville, FL* – The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Coalition (CSAPC) announced a recent generous donation by Children's Safe Passage Inc., to purchase 500 *Stewards of Children* workbooks that will enable the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Coalition (CSAPC) to provide FREE training to 500 adults in Northeast Florida!

The sole mission of the CSAPC is to train 50,000 adults in the Darkness to Light, *Stewards of Children*, child sexual abuse prevention program - over 1,300 individuals have been trained to date. Darkness to Light is a national nonprofit organization that provides individuals, organizations, and communities with the tools to protect children from sexual abuse. *Stewards of Children* is a 2-hour program, created by Darkness to Light, that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for use by organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.

Coalition members, such as Children's Safe Passage Inc., know the importance of removing obstacles that may prevent adults from receiving this training. What is normally a \$10 fee for training materials, is currently waived (while supplies last).

Organizations and summer camp programs, who want to take advantage of this opportunity to better educate their staff and volunteers, can schedule a FREE group training by contacting

info@csapc.org. Community trainings are also on-going at First Coast YMCA locations or Jacksonville Children's Commission - a list of upcoming classes can be found at [www.csapc.org](http://www.csapc.org).

### **About The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Coalition**

The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Coalition (CSAPC) was formed in 2013 through the collaborative efforts of Children's Safe Passage, YMCA of Florida's First Coast, Monique Burr Foundation for Children, The Somer Sunshine Foundation, and Jacksonville Children's Coalition. More recent addition to the Coalition's membership include Baptist Health, Greater Jacksonville USO, Communities in Schools of Jacksonville, WJCT Public Broadcasting, Wolfson's Children's Hospital, THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health, Women's Center of Jacksonville, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida.

The mission of the CSAPC is to prevent child sexual abuse through the delivery of the Darkness to Light, *Stewards of Children*, program to adults in Northeast Florida. For more information about CSAPC, or to see how you can help, visit [www.csapc.org](http://www.csapc.org) or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/csapcofNEFL/>

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