

BECOME AN AUTHORIZED FACILITATOR



Darkness to Light Stewards of Children® Facilitators are the backbone of what we do. Facilitators are the representatives and trainers in their communities, helping to spread the message of child sexual abuse prevention. The following information will help you understand the role and determine whether this is the right step for you.

FACILITATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

An Authorized Facilitator is an individual who has been trained by Darkness to Light to deliver the *Stewards of Children®* training to adults in an organization or community. Responsibilities include:

- scheduling and facilitating *Stewards of Children®* training, certifying at least 25 adults per quarter.
- purchasing training materials for each person you train. The cost of each training kit is \$10, and bulk discounts may apply. Facilitators are authorized to charge speaking and/or material fees beyond the \$10 per person, to cover time and expense.
- signing a Facilitator Agreement and accepting all facilitator policies, including a mandatory background check.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Facilitators model the core principals of *Stewards of Children®* in their communities by talking openly about child sexual abuse and engaging adults in the discussion. While teaching or training experience is not required, you must feel comfortable speaking and presenting in front of large audiences. Effective communication skills, including presentation and listening ability, are critically important to being a successful Facilitator.

Additionally, you should consider how talking about this issue regularly and openly in public will affect you, personally. It is difficult to hear personal stories of abuse, so you must be capable of both immersing yourself in the topic and distancing yourself from the negative and traumatic aspects. If you are a survivor of sexual abuse, this is an especially important consideration.



HOW TO BECOME A FACILITATOR

To become an Authorized Facilitator, you must complete the full day Facilitator Workshop. Workshops are held regularly in cities across the country and around the world. Upcoming workshops are listed on our website at www.D2L.org, where you can register for a workshop near you. The cost of the workshop is \$450 and includes:

- 7 hours of instruction, approved for CEC credit by the National Association of Social Workers and the National Board of Certified Counselors. It is the Facilitator's responsibility to determine if other CEC credits apply.
- instruction on the philosophy and purpose of *Stewards of Children*® curriculum, mastery of training concepts, program preparation and promotion, and facilitator policies and procedures.
- all training materials including the Facilitator Manual and *Stewards of Children*® workbook and DVD.

It is highly recommended that you participate in a *Stewards of Children*® training session prior to attending a Facilitator Workshop. Trainings are available online or via a Facilitator-led session. Visit www.D2L.org/Stewards for more information.

Register to become a facilitator at www.D2L.org/facilitator. If you have questions or would like further information, please email stewards@D2L.org and a Darkness to Light team member would be happy to assist you.

HELPING YOU SUCCEED

As an Authorized Facilitator, you will receive access to a password protected area of the Darkness to Light website where you will find useful resources and information. You'll also receive a monthly newsletter, opportunities for further training, and access to other prevention tools. We are here to support you!

HOST A FACILITATOR WORKSHOP

Organizations that wish to train multiple facilitators may host a Facilitator Workshop. Host organizations are encouraged to partner with other organizations to ensure adequate participation.

Darkness to Light agrees to provide the following:

- Online registration for the workshop on the Darkness to Light website
- An Authorized Darkness to Light Instructor to conduct the Facilitator Workshop
- All training materials

As a workshop host, an organization agrees to provide the following:

- Ten to 25 participants, at the cost of \$450 per participant. Participants may register and pay online
- A facility with a TV and DVD player, or a computer with DVD player, speakers, and projector
- Travel expenses for an Authorized Darkness to Light Instructor (may include airfare, car rental/gas, lodging, and meal per diem)



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This information is intended only as a supplement to Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® training, which provides in-depth learning, tools, and practical guidelines to help adults prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. For more information on Stewards of Children®, visit www.D2L.org/Stewards.