

1 in 10
Children
will experience
sexual abuse before
the age of 18



Partnering in Prevention to Keep Children Safe



Prevent Child Abuse
Georgia™

Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Georgia provides statewide direction to promote healthy children and develop strong families through prevention networks, public awareness, prevention programs and training, and advocacy activities.

1-800-CHILDREN PCA Georgia's Helpline is a statewide information and referral line that connects parents, caregivers, and professionals with appropriate resources in their community. It offers information about child abuse, parent education, counseling and support groups. Calls are answered Mon-Fri, 8am-7pm, by professional bi-lingual staff.

Prevention Network -- PCA Georgia leads a statewide network of individuals, families, professional agencies and communities dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in all its forms. PCA's local councils operate in communities across GA, delivering child abuse prevention programming, trainings and intervention services to children and families.

The Georgia Center for Child Advocacy (GCCA) was founded in 1987 to provide services to children who are victims of physical or sexual abuse or who had witnessed violence. GCCA provides intervention and therapy services to children who live in Fulton and DeKalb counties free of charge. Additionally, GCCA is leading a statewide child

sexual abuse prevention initiative using Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children curriculum. GCCA's prevention staff provides support, training and technical assistance to Stewards of Children facilitators throughout Georgia.

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The Stewards of Children curriculum, developed by the national non-profit Darkness to Light, is the only adult focused, evidence based curriculum proven to increase knowledge about child sexual abuse and to change behaviors by promoting protective factors. It teaches organization administrators, staff, and volunteers how to implement effective prevention policies, recognize the signs of sexual abuse in children, and react responsibly if abuse occurs. The Stewards training is ideal for any youth-serving organization — educational institutions, recreation facilities, faith-based centers — to help create safer environments for children.

The Stewards of Children curriculum trains adults to:

- Implement prevention policies and practices
 - Recognize signs of sexual abuse
 - React responsibly if abuse occurs



Why train 5% of adults?

Adults are responsible for the safety of children. But many adults feel unable to protect children from sexual abuse because they do not know enough about the problem or the steps they can take to reduce the risk.

Using the D2L Stewards of Children training program, the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy is leading a statewide child sexual abuse prevention initiative. The goal of the initiative is to train 5% of the adult population in every county across the state. This tipping point theory, researched by Malcolm Gladwell, suggests when 5% of a population changes their behavior, a cultural shift is created and a momentum builds that, with continued work, will change societal norms.

Adult-Focused: This training is for adults. Adults are responsible for keeping children safe.

Community-Based: No one organization can bring about the significant changes necessary to end child sexual abuse. All organizations that serve and support children and families can contribute to this effort.

Cultural Change: We are about nothing less than changing our culture and our community to protect children.

**Nearly 100,000
adults in Georgia have
been trained so far.**

Have you?