

Educating the public about child abuse issues has always been a top priority of the Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect (CCAN). Today, CCAN's Community Education Program encompasses three seminars—described inside this brochure—that are designed to help parents and other adults keep children safe at home, online and in the community.

All CCAN Community Education Program seminars reflect the premise that protecting children is the responsibility of adults. Seminars are conducted by specially trained professionals and combine presentations with opportunities for interactive discussion. CCAN will conduct seminars for groups of any size, and for audiences as diverse as educators, PTA members, civic groups, businesses and religious organizations, among others.

To schedule a CCAN seminar for your group or organization, or learn more about how CCAN's Community Education Program can help adults in your community keep children safe, contact:

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CCAN is a nationally recognized non-profit agency dedicated to working with parents, schools, government and community to protect children against abuse and neglect with compassionate support and innovative, professional programs and services. CCAN is accredited by the National Children's Alliance and is a registered 501(c)(3) organization serving the communities of Nassau and Suffolk counties. For more information, visit ccanli.org.

Helping Adults Protect Children



Community Education from the Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect



Keeping Children Safe from Sexual Abuse

(approx. 2 hrs.)

It's a fact: 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before turning 18. While these numbers are frightening, informed and proactive parents can truly make a difference when it comes to protecting children from abuse.

"Keeping Children Safe from Sexual Abuse" offers a comprehensive introduction to many key issues surrounding child sexual abuse.

Topics include:

- Defining sexual abuse
- Strategies for preventing sexual abuse
- Recognizing signs of possible abuse in a child
- Recognizing the warning signs of an adult who may be interested in harming your child
- Tips for talking frankly about abuse and sex with children of any age
- Steps to take if there is a sex offender living in your neighborhood



Internet Safety Training for Parents

(approx. 2 hrs.)

Keeping children safe online is a growing problem – one compounded by the fact that most children know much more about computers than do their parents. Indeed, the statistics are alarming: 1 in 5 children who use the Internet regularly will be sexually solicited within the next year, and 1 in 33 children have been aggressively solicited in their lifetimes. Even children who are not looking for objectionable material on the Web will find it.

"Internet Safety Training for Parents" provides valuable information that can help parents regain control of the family computer, set limits so that children can surf the Web safely, and establish a dialogue with their children about online safety.

Topics include:

- Utilizing existing parental controls in your computer's operating system
- Using specialized software to prevent unwanted contact
- Avoiding the dangers of chat rooms and social sites such as MySpace
- Recognizing signs that your child may be the target of a predator
- Safeguarding personal identity information
- Understanding and addressing cyber-bullying

Stewards of Children®

(approx. 2-1/2 – 3 hrs.)

Stewards of Children® is a national sexual abuse prevention training program developed by Darkness to Light, a Charleston, South Carolina-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing adults with the information they need to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

CCAN is an approved facilitator of the Stewards of Children® program, which is designed for organizations and anyone responsible for supervising or working with children, including parents. This intensive and advanced training can be used by organizations that want to train staff and volunteers in child sexual abuse prevention, educate adults in their community about the protection of children, develop organizational policies or procedures for keeping children safe, or comply with insurance requirements regarding child protection.

Components of the Stewards of Children® program include:

- An interactive workbook for each participant
- A 1-1/4 hour VHS/DVD featuring segments from sexual abuse survivors, the author of the program and professionals who deal with sexual abuse issues daily
- Discussion about important sexual abuse prevention issues

More information about Stewards of Children® is available at darkness2light.org.