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March 2012

## Stewards of Children® Participants...Continued Education

First and foremost, THANK YOU for attending our Stewards of Children training. You took a huge step in the right direction toward preventing child sexual abuse in our community.

As you learned in the training sadly, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by their 18th birthday. Without the ongoing education and dialogue in our community it is impossible to move forward and end this epidemic.

Throughout the year, Chaucie's Place will be sending you informative emails with helpful information, tips, stories in the news, trainings, and other valuable resources to help expand your awareness and strengthen your role as a steward of children.

To kick-off your continuing education, we are offering a \$5 OFF Coupon for our April 23, 2012 Stewards of Children training for you to pass along to a friend. As you know, the Stewards of Children training encourages you to share the information learned with other adults, so here is an easy opportunity for you to do just that. The coupon is at the bottom of this email.

## Behaviors to Watch for in Adults

As we now know, 90% of children who are sexually abused know their abuser, so protecting our children from people they already know - possibly love and trust - can be challenging and a hard reality to grasp. Here are some signs to look for in adults who may be sexually abusing children.

Do you know an adult who has difficulty with:

### Personal space

- Makes others uncomfortable by ignoring social, emotional or physical boundaries or limits?
- Refuses to let a child set any of his or her own limits? Uses teasing or belittling language to keep a child from setting a limit?
- Insists on hugging, touching, kissing, tickling, wrestling with or holding a child even when the child does not want this physical contact or attention?
- Frequently walks in on children/teens in the bathroom?

### Relationships with children

- Turns to a child for emotional or physical comfort by sharing personal or private



information or activities, normally shared with adults?

- Has secret interactions with teens or children (e.g. games, sharing drugs, alcohol, or sexual material) or spends excessive time emailing, text messaging or calling children or youth?
- Insists on or manages to spend uninterrupted time alone with a child?
- Seems "too good to be true," i.e. frequently baby sits different children for free; takes children on special outings alone; buys children gifts or gives them money for no apparent reason?
- Allows children or teens to consistently get away with inappropriate behaviors?

### **Sexual conversation or behavior**

- Frequently points out sexual images or tells dirty or suggestive jokes with children present?
- Exposes a child to adult sexual interactions or images without apparent concern?
- Is overly interested in the sexuality of a particular child or teen (e.g., talks repeatedly about the child's developing body or interferes with normal teen dating)?

If you have any suspicion of child sexual/physical abuse or neglect you are mandated by Indiana State law to report to your local law enforcement agency or the Department of Child Services.

### **Hamilton County Dispatch and Hotline Numbers:**

Carmel 571-2580

Noblesville & Westfield 773-1300

Arcadia, Atlanta, Cicero, Fishers, Sheridan and the Sheriff's Department 773-1282

Department of Child Services Hotline 1-800-800-5556

Information made available through



**Stop It Now!**  
Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

## **Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children* Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for Adults**

April 23, 2012

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Fishers Public Library  
5 Municipal Drive  
Fishers, Indiana 46038

\$15.00 per person to attend  
SPACE IS LIMITED!

No Refunds will be given.  
Register at [www.chauciesplace.org](http://www.chauciesplace.org)



### About Chaucie's Place

Chaucie's Place provides a neutral, child-focused environment where comprehensive, investigative forensic interviews take place for cases of alleged child sexual and physical abuse and neglect. The center's staff works to reduce trauma to children and improve the quality of evidence gathered through the use of a multidisciplinary team approach and specially trained forensic interviewers. Chaucie's Place works to generate awareness of and prevent child abuse through its education and prevention programs Body Safety and Stewards of Children.

**\$5  
OFF**

You can use this \$5 OFF Coupon towards our April 23, 2012 Stewards of Children Training. For more information visit our website at [www.chauciesplace.org](http://www.chauciesplace.org) or call us at 759-8008.

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