



Organizations and businesses have a responsibility to create safe environments for children.

A *Partner in Prevention* is an organization or business that commits the time and effort to educate themselves how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. An organization receives the yearly *Darkness to Light Partner in Prevention* distinction when they have successfully met three requirements, which include:

1. Training over 90% of staff and volunteers in *Stewards of Children*®
2. Conducting routine background checks on staff and volunteers who work with youth
3. Implementing organization-wide policies and procedures to increase child abuse prevention behaviors, including a policy that limits opportunities for one adult to be alone with one child

WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING A *PARTNER IN PREVENTION*?

- Organizations that emphasize prevention through training and appropriate policies discourage perpetrators
- Staff and volunteers gain greater awareness of opportunities where abuse could occur in their environment, as well as the skills to correct any issue
- Staff and volunteers are able to spot signs that a child is/has been abused and intervene
- Staff and volunteers are empowered to react responsibly to abuse through suspicion, discovery, or disclosure
- Children are protected because the organization provides a safe environment for them

“It is a symbol of pride for us to be counted among those organizations who are devoted to protecting and serving children in the community. We want to be part of the solution and this distinction is recognition of our work and our passion.”

– Hope M., Director of Children’s Ministries, Partner in Prevention

Find out more information and apply to become a *Partner in Prevention* at www.D2L.org/partner.