

## Darkness to Light's 7 Steps to Protecting Our

Children

## Speaker: Helen Kobussen

Statistics suggest that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18. Ninety percent of children who are sexually abused are violated by someone they know and trust.

The Sexual Assault Crisis Center, in partnership with the Children's Service Society of Wisconsin with funding provided by Children's Hospital and Health System, Child Abuse Prevention Fund and the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund and CESA's 6 and 7, are pleased to announce an important new prevention program in the greater tricounty area: Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children sexual abuse prevention program. This program takes a direct and comprehensive approach to the problem of sexual abuse within youth-serving organizations. A compelling video, the core of the curriculum, includes the stories of several courageous individuals who were victims of sexual abuse as children and who have contributed a great deal of time and effort as adults toward ending the cycle of abuse.

The program is ideal for the training of staff and volunteers in youth-serving organizations; it is also appropriate for the parents of children served by these organizations. Helen is a trained facilitator and 1 of 2 licensed trainers in the state to conduct this program. She will lead an educational training session, including a discussion of the information presented in the video. Each participant also receives two pieces of curriculum, a workbook and Darkness to Light's 7 Steps to Protecting our Children.

Our authorized facilitator is also able to guide organizations through the development of sexual abuse prevention policies and procedures. Both the training and the policies and procedures are important steps toward creating environments that are safe for children. For policy and procedure training, contact Helen at Helen@saccfoxcities.org. Sexual abuse has enormous costs: Children are hurt, the reputations of organizations are destroyed, insurance settlements are astronomical. Your organization can't afford to ignore it: Protect their only Childhood.

- For Additional Information Contact: Jackie Schoening, ATOD Health & Safety Coordinator -. jschoenin@cesa6.k12.wi.us
- Note: If you are unable to attend this training, CESA 7 is hosting this training on January 7, 2011 in Kewaunee. Register at www.cesa7.org and click the register" icon
- Cancellation Policy: Any workshop registration cancellation must be received 48 hours before the scheduled date for a not in attendance on the day of the session will be charged the full registration fee

## **About the Presenter**

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Helen Kobussen works as a **Community Educator for The** Sexual Assault Crisis Center in Appleton, Wis. Employed by the Center for over 30 vears she has been active in other areas of service provided to victims of sexual abuse including advocacy, and crisis response. She earned her Bachelors degree in Communications from **Concordia University in** Mequon, Wisconsin.

## **Registration Details:**

- Date: January 11, 2011
- Registration Fee: \$35.00 per participant (includes materials and a snack) (Lunch is on your own).
- Time: 12:30 3:30 p.m. (Registration 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.)
- Location: FVTC Oshkosh · 150 N Campbell Road · Oshkosh WI 54902
- To register, visit http:// www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/prof dev/

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