

Orange County Rape Crisis Center

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ORANGE COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER TAKES ACTION TO PROTECT CHILDREN AS A DARKNESS TO LIGHT “PARTNER IN PREVENTION”

Staff members trained in award-winning Stewards of Children® program for child sexual abuse prevention.

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center has achieved *Partner in Prevention* status, a designation awarded by the nonprofit Darkness to Light to organizations that take extra steps to protect the children they serve by training staff to understand the issue of child sexual abuse, identify unsafe situations and practices, and react responsibly in the best interest of the children they serve.

Across the nation, one in 10 children will experience contact sexual abuse before the age of 18. The Orange County Rape Crisis Center earned the *Partner in Prevention* designation by providing Stewards of Children® training to over 90% of its management, staff, and volunteers. This evidence-informed program is scientifically proven to help participants prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. *Partner in Prevention* was created as a national standard to help parents and caregivers recognize organizations that take child protection seriously by implementing policy and training staff to prevent child sexual abuse.

Darkness to Light is an international organization that leads the movement to end child sexual abuse by educating and empowering adults in education, youth serving organizations, and communities to protect children. Darkness to Light has affiliates in all 50 states and 16 international locations.

“Our children are the best investment we can make in the future we wish to build: a future free from sexual violence and all other forms of oppression,” OCRCC Community Education Director Rachel Valentine said. “We believe that the extra effort it takes to be stewards of the children in our community is more than worthwhile.”

To learn more about child sexual abuse prevention training or to enroll your organization in Darkness to Light’s Partner in Prevention program, please visit www.D2L.org/Partner.

About the Orange County Rape Crisis Center

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center, a Triangle United Way Member Agency of Excellence and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce 2013 Nonprofit of the Year, has served the Orange County community since 1974. For more information about the Center and the services they provide, visit www.ocrcc.org or call 919-968-4647.

About Darkness to Light

Darkness to Light (D2L) has championed the movement to end child sexual abuse since its founding in 2000. With affiliates in all 50 U.S. states and 16 additional countries, D2L provides individuals, organizations, and communities with the tools to protect children from sexual abuse. To date, the D2L network of 750,000 authorized facilitators has trained over 900,000 parents, youth serving professionals, and organization volunteers in D2L’s award-winning Stewards of Children® child sexual abuse prevention program.