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### HelpLine Expands Initiative to End Child Sexual Abuse in Morrow County

*Training opportunities with CEUs no cost - learn how to protect our children!*

**Delaware and Morrow County, Ohio:** HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc. is pleased to offer Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children training, a program dedicated to ending child sexual abuse. Darkness to Light's retrospective studies show one in four women and one in six men were sexually abused before the age of 18. *Meaning, there are more than 42 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse in the U.S.*

HelpLine is expanding efforts to engage community members in Morrow County to educate adults in preventing child sexual abuse. "This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interacting with children - you walk away with actionable steps to protect the children in your life; as well as easy to implement policies to ensure safety within your organizations" says Sue Hanson, Executive Director.

Stewards of Children is a comprehensive program that incorporates all of the fundamental mechanics necessary in creating organizational policies and procedures that keep children safe. The curriculum features the "7 Steps to Protecting our Children," Darkness to Light's core, evidence-based educational tool for sexual abuse prevention.

In the training, adults will learn how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly in situations of child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned with the safety of children. **Stewards of Children is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.**

We invite you to join us for this free training on March 6th at the Mount Gilead Community Service Building, located on 619 W Marion St in Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338, from 6pm-9pm.

This 3-hour program is completely free to the community and provides free CEU credits. Registration is required. To register contact: Shilo at [sgall@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:sgall@helplinedelmor.org) or call at 614-507-5703.

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#### About HelpLine

HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that provides a 24-hour crisis support hotline, information and referral to direct services and advocacy, and serves as the area's only volunteer center. Committed to



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empowering people through knowledge, support and resources, HelpLine facilitates stability and self-sufficiency through linkage to services, crisis management, and mental health related & violence prevention education in Delaware and Morrow County communities.

HelpLine is a contract provider of the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board and partially funded by the Council for Older Adults. A United Way Agency, HelpLine is accredited by the American Association of Suicidology, National Alliance of Information & Referral Systems and certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

For more information, please visit: [www.HelpLinedelmor.org](http://www.HelpLinedelmor.org).

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