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**Mobilizing to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse**

Awareness to Action supports the Stewards of Children™ training, a child sexual abuse prevention program developed by Darkness to Light, that increases knowledge, improves attitudes and changes child-protective behaviors. Trained facilitators deliver the program throughout the state and ask participants to complete a pre and post survey to measure knowledge and behavior. Some highlights from the 2014 data include:

* 34% increase in participants stating that adults should talk to children under the age of 7 about sexual abuse.
* 27% increase in the number of participants knowing that very few reported incidents of child sexual abuse are false.
* 34% increase in the number of participants who believe fewer children would be sexually abused if adults made more conscious choices about situations in which children are placed
* 98% of participants left the training with the belief they know what to do if a child reports sexual abuse to them.

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