



DARKNESS TO LIGHT

PREVENT NOW!

Child sexual abuse affects more than just children and their families — it affects entire communities. To address the issue and better protect children, community adults need to be proactive and join forces. Darkness to Light's *Prevent Now!* assists and supports communities in creating sustainable child sexual abuse prevention initiatives that increase awareness, education, prevention, and advocacy.



PREVENT NOW! STRATEGY

Prevent Now! is a strategy that engages an entire community in the prevention of child sexual abuse. It is built on a collection of best practices that create and sustain grass roots efforts aimed at cultural change. The program provides training, tools, and resources that bring members of the community together to support the effort with funding, influence, and advocacy. *Prevent Now!* makes prevention a priority in the community and fosters a safer environment for children.

Prevent Now! can breathe new life into existing prevention initiatives and help build new ones. Communities that use *Prevent Now!* will increase awareness and participation in training for responsible adults on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. *Prevent Now!* communities will also secure funding to sustain their prevention efforts.

PREVENT NOW! PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The *Prevent Now!* workshop offered by Darkness to Light (D2L) gives you the tools to implement the following core components:

- Community awareness
- Community coalition
- *Prevent Now!* initiative funding
- *Stewards of Children*® program funding to sustain prevention efforts

PREVENT NOW! IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Prevent Now! is formatted into a 1-day workshop that can be brought to your organization, with a minimum attendance of 10 participants. The workshop is \$125 and includes:

- How to build awareness in your community using the *Prevent Now!* Community Awareness Meeting.



- How to cultivate funding, training opportunities, and community involvement in the prevention initiative;
- Strategies and best practices for successful initiatives, including who should get involved and how to engage them;
- How to potentially increase the return on your fundraising efforts using matching funds from a Community Seed Fund;
- All training materials including a *Prevent Now!* Workbook and a copy of D2L's powerful *Childhood Stories* documentary, to be used in a Community Awareness Meeting.

How **PREVENT NOW!** CAN HELP

Whether you are an independent facilitator or an organization representative, you can benefit from attending a *Prevent Now!* Workshop. This program is used by independent professionals, faith centers, child advocacy organizations, educational institutions, and youth serving organizations, among others.

Prevent Now! is most successful when an enthusiastic individual or organization can dedicate time and resources to prevention. Prevention initiatives look different in each community, and there is no exact prescription or limit to how far your community can take the strategy.

Join the movement to end child sexual abuse! Visit www.D2L.org/Join for more information.

