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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Foothills Child Advocacy Center Will Offer Free Trainings on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

(CHARLOTTESVILLE) – April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Foothills Child Advocacy Center invites adults to flex their “hero” muscles on behalf of children. Foothills is offering two sessions of *Stewards of Children*, a free public training that will be held at CitySpace, 100 5th St NE, Charlottesville. The sessions will be held on from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, and Thursday, May 19.

The *Stewards of Children* program provides adults with the knowledge of how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The training is designed for every adult who is concerned about the safety and well-being of children. The program believes and teaches that child safety is the responsibility of adults and gives adults the tools necessary to protect children.

To register, call Jane Tirrell, the Foothills administrative coordinator, at 434-971-7233, extension 0, or via e-mail at jtirrell@foothillscac.org no later than two days in advance of each session.

Stewards of Children training is approved for 2 hours of Continuing Education Unit Credits (CEUs) by the National Association of Social Workers (#886458319-2184) and the National Board of Certified Counselors (#ACEP 6635).

The training will be conducted by Rachel Thielmann, the Foothills prevention education specialist, who is an authorized *Stewards of Children* facilitator with Darkness to Light. Foothills has offered this program since 2010, and 101 sessions have been held, with more than 1,300 persons completing the training.

About Foothills

Foothills provides a coordinated system of effective response and intervention to children who have been victimized. The center’s goal is to minimize trauma, promote healing, and ensure child safety. Foothills sponsors free trainings including *Stewards of Children* and *Stand Up For Kids!*, a program which educates mandated reporters. For more information, please visit the center’ website at <http://www.foothillscac.org/resources.html> or call 434-971-7233.

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