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<u>Foothills Child Advocacy Center announces that the Stewards of Children</u> child sexual abuse prevention workshop is now offered in Spanish

(CHARLOTTESVILLE) – Foothills Child Advocacy Center (Foothills) is pleased to announce that the *Stewards of Children* child sexual abuse prevention training is now offered in Spanish.



Thanks to a grant from the Wardle Family Foundation, Foothills recently welcomed Mayra Cardenas to its staff as a part-time bilingual education specialist. Cardenas is an authorized *Stewards of Children* facilitator and offers this free training in Spanish. She holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a double concentration in social sciences and humanities from the University of Virginia.

The *Stewards of Children* program is a nationally recognized program developed by Darkness to Light (d2l.org). The training is designed for every adult that is concerned about the safety and well-being of children and educates them to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program believes and teaches that child safety is the responsibility of adults and gives adults the tools necessary to protect children.

Foothills has offered the Stewards of Children training in English since 2010.

To schedule or participate in a training in Spanish, contact Cardenas at <u>mcardens@foothillscac.org</u> or at 434-465-3258. Visit www.foothillscac.org/defensor-de-los-ninos.html for more information.



To schedule or participate in a training in English, contact Rachel Theilmann, education specialist, at rachel@foothillscac.org or at 434-971-7233, ext. 5. Visit www.foothillscac.org/stewards-of-children.html for more information.

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).

About Foothills Child Advocacy Center

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.