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## **Women's Place Resource Centre Takes Action to Protect Children of Nova Scotia as a Darkness to Light "Partner in Prevention"**

Staff Members Trained in Award-Winning Stewards of Children® Program for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

**[Middleton, NS] – [March 11, 2021]** – Women's Place Resource Centre has achieved Partner in Prevention status, a designation awarded by the nonprofit Darkness to Light to organizations which take extra steps to protect the children they serve by training staff to understand the issue of child sexual abuse, identify unsafe situations and practices, and react responsibly in the best interest of the children they serve.

34% of children will be sexually abused before the age of 18. Women's Place Resource Centre earned the Partner in Prevention designation by providing Stewards of Children® training to over 90% of its management, staff, and volunteers. This evidence-informed program is scientifically proven to help participants prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. Partner in Prevention was created as a national standard to help parents and caregivers recognize organizations that take child protection seriously by implementing policy and training staff to prevent child sexual abuse.

Darkness to Light is an international organization that leads the movement to end child sexual abuse by educating and empowering adults in education, youth serving organizations, and communities to protect children. Darkness to Light has affiliates in 17 international locations.

"I hope lot's of organizations Join."

- Isa Bishop, Administrative Coordinator

To learn more about child sexual abuse prevention training or to enroll your organization in Darkness to Light's "Partner in Prevention" program, please visit <https://prioritykids.ca/partner-in-prevention/>

### **About Women's Place Resource Centre:**

Our mission is dedicated to the well-being and economic status of women in the Kings and Annapolis Counties. We work with communities to achieve this mission through a variety of services as well as creating a safe place for women to gather, share, grow, and be. By supporting women, we recognize that we, in turn, nurture the growth of children, families, and the entire communities that we serve.

### **About Darkness to Light:**

Darkness to Light is a nonprofit organization with the mission to empower adults to prevent child sexual abuse. Through education and awareness, the organization seeks to create a safer world for children to grow and thrive. Darkness to Light's flagship program, Stewards of Children®, is a one-of-a-kind,

award-winning training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexualabuse. More than 1.4 million adults have been trained using the program. For more information, visit [www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.org).

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