

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is offering free, age-appropriate, evidence-based child abuse prevention education. To ensure that we are taking every step to promote child safety and wellbeing, it is vital that the community receives developmentally appropriate abuse prevention. Research shows that as many as 95% of sexual abuse is preventable through education.

The first step in protecting children is having the knowledge to identify and understand what child abuse can look like. Children, youth, and teenagers need to know how to recognize safe adults, red flags, bullying, and relationship abuse. The Children's Advocacy Center utilizes the Monique Burr Foundation prevention curriculum (MBF) to provide the best education to DeKalb County children. MBF is approved and supported by Erin Merryn of Erin's Law, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, National Educators to Stop Trafficking, and many other internationally recognized organizations.

Delivering child abuse prevention to adults is just as important - particularly parents and youth serving adults. We offer Darkness to Light (D2L) at no cost to school faculty, guardians, medical professionals, and community members. Through this education adults gain the ability to recognize signs of abuse, understand what grooming looks like, and identify how to react responsibly to suspicion, disclosure, and discovery of abuse. Darkness to Light is overwhelmingly supported by Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN), World Childhood Foundation, and Beau Biden Foundation for the Protection of Children.

When considering the facts that one in ten children will be sexually abused before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and 90% of child sexual abuse victims know their abusers, it is evident that child abuse is a rampant problem. Evidence-based, developmentally suitable education is the best instrument we have to combat this unimaginable issue plaguing DeKalb County children. We have trained facilitators prepared to present Monique Burr and Darkness to Light education. Family Service Agency of DeKalb County urges you to take a stance against child sexual abuse and enroll in one of our prevention education programs today.



## DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Darkness to Light is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating adults on the signs of child sexual abuse.

Thus far, Darkness to Light has provided education to two-million adults in 76 countries!

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County has certified facilitators prepared to present the Darkness to Light curriculum.

Our goal is to educate every adult in the DeKalb County community!

## WHY COMPLETE DARKNESS TO LIGHT?

D2L is an evidence-based curriculum.

Have the ability to identify the signs of grooming, abuse, & trafficking.

The course & presentation are completely free!

Understand how to report abuse & who to call.

### TO SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION CONTACT:

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# Monique Burr Prevention Education

MBF is an evidence-based abuse prevention curriculum for K-12.

MBF is developmentally appropriate for children and adolescents.

This curriculum is supported by parents, schools, teachers, administrators, coaches, and extracurricular leaders.

Children and adolescents will gain an understanding of body safety, healthy choices, internet safety, mental health, safe adults, and much more!

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