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FREE DARKNESS TO LIGHT TRAINING TO BE OFFERED

CONOVER -- The Children's Advocacy and Protection Center will offer three opportunities in September and October for adults to learn how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children training includes a two-part DVD presentation integrating commentary from sexual abuse survivors and experts in the field. The training is led by a trained facilitator. The two-hour training is offered free of charge thanks to support from the Catawba County United Way.

According to research, having 5 percent of the adult population in an area trained in this issue results in a "tipping point" that changes attitudes and behaviors in the community. The CAPC's goal is to train 6,000 adults, which is 5 percent of the population of the county. The organization needs another 1,347 adults to take the training to reach that goal.

The following opportunities are available to take the training and help the CAPC reach its goal:

- Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6-8 p.m. at the C.O. Miller Teen Center at the Hickory YMCA, 701 First Street NW, Hickory.
- Monday, Sept. 14 at 6-8 p.m. at Bistro 127, located at 2039 N. Center St., Suite A, Hickory.
- Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to noon at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 439 Seventh St. Place SW, Conover.



Pre-registration is required since seating is limited and organizers need to order enough participant workbooks. To pre-register for one of these workshops, or to arrange a training for your company, church or civic club, please email Kate Landry, CAPC outreach coordinator, at klandry@catawbacountync.gov.

The CAPC is a non-profit organization that works to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse. It coordinates the efforts of Catawba County Social Services, law enforcement, and the District Attorney's office.

More information about the CAPC is available on its website at catawbacountycapc.org. You may also call the center at 828-465-9296 during regular business hours.

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