



Child Safety Online Training Options

IRIS requires all co-sponsor volunteers who work directly with refugee children to complete some form of Child Safety Training. Many faith-based or civic organizations have these kinds of training programs already in place. Volunteers who have completed Child Safety Training through these established programs have fulfilled IRIS's requirement. If your group needs to implement your own training program, there are several excellent online resources available.

Here are two possible resources: [Protect My Ministry](#) and [Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children](#). These programs require one person to set up an administration account before the volunteers are able to complete their online training.

Protect My Ministry

This organization offers an online Child Safety Training program that they often bundle with background check options and other resources. IRIS already has a background check service, Sterling Volunteers, that co-sponsor groups are required to use so your group should only create an account for the Child Safety Training. This program can be set up directly online and will be ready to use between 48 - 72 hours after signing up. Their startup fee is \$39 which is a one time fee. They also require a yearly fee of \$149.

To get more information click on the link →

<https://www.protectmyministry.com/child-safety-training/>

- Watch the free video and read the additional information on the page.
- Fill out the form and follow the emailed instructions for how to sign up OR call 800-319-5581 ext. 2236 to speak to Joel Riley who will assist you in setting up an account for your group.

The training takes 30-45 minutes and ends with an exam in which the volunteers need to answer 70% of the questions correctly to receive their certificate of completion. They

can send the certificate of completion to your group's Volunteer Coordinator or the Administrative volunteer who keeps track of volunteer readiness.

Darkness to Light-Stewards of Children

The non-profit organization, Darkness to Light, offers an abuse prevention training program, Stewards of Children. It is available online, in-person or virtually with a live representative. Your group can purchase "bulk seats" of the online version for \$10.00 a seat. Your group's representative should:

- Visit <https://www.d2l.org/education/stewards-of-children/online/>.
- Scroll down to click on "Stewards of Children" to watch a preview video.
- Scroll down to click on the "Online Training" box.
- Click the green "Get Trained" box at the top of the page.
- Click "Online Training".
- Scroll down to where an administrator can purchase bulk seats and click "Order Here".
- Click "Online Asynchronous Trainings".
- Click on "Add to Cart" under "Stewards of Children" and enter the number of seats you need to purchase.
- Click on the cart and pay for the seats.
- Follow the instructions from Darkness to Light for how to give your volunteers access to the program and how completion of the program is recorded.
- Contact Darkness to Light for technical support at 843-513-1614.

Co-sponsor groups keep track of those volunteers who have fulfilled this training requirement internally. The group leader is required to indicate that all volunteers who work directly with children have completed the training when s/he submits the Green Light form to IRIS.