

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Facilitator & Instructor Edition



The NEW *Stewards of Children*® comes with many questions regarding training updates, pricing, and the impact it may have on your training plans and goals. This document was created to help answer those questions.

## HAS THE NEW STEWARDS OF CHILDREN® BEEN RELEASED?

Yes! The NEW *Stewards of Children*® is now available for Facilitator-led trainings in-person or virtually. Online training will be released in December 2023. The training is 2.5 hours long. Please note that although the training is now available, we encourage you to roll-out training at a time that is most logistically and financially convenient for your organization, ahead of the retirement of the current *Stewards* (Dec. 2023).

## WHAT MAJOR UPDATES HAVE BEEN MADE?

The NEW *Stewards of Children*® training includes new statistics, increased diversity of lived experience, trauma informed best practices, and alignment with Darkness to Light's Theory of Change. Additionally, modifications have been made to create a better trainee experience, including the shift to a modern platform and the introduction of a narrator to keep focus on key learning objectives.

## WHO IS THIS TRAINING INTENDED FOR?

Although primarily intended for Youth Serving Organizations, the NEW *Stewards of Children*® is applicable to all adults, including parents and caregivers.

## CAN CURRENT WORKBOOKS BE USED?

No, updates made to the training will not align with current workbooks. Darkness to Light offers new workbooks to accompany the purchase of the NEW *Stewards of Children*®

## WHAT IS THE PRICE OF TRAINING?

When you are delivering a *Stewards of Children*® training, whether it is virtually or in person, and whether you are using a physical workbook or a digital workbook; you, your organization or your participant should be paying a fee which starts at \$16 per participant.

Many factors went into determining the cost per participant for the NEW *Stewards of Children*®. We had to carefully balance the high cost of research, production and support with the need for continued affordability. We also analyzed comparable training offerings from other organizations and the fact that we had not increased our own training costs over the life of *Stewards of Children*®. If you have specific pricing questions, please contact us via email at [FacilitatorSupport@d2l.org](mailto:FacilitatorSupport@d2l.org)

## IS DISCOUNT PRICING OFFERED?

Yes, discounted bulk pricing is available in different tiers, taking into consideration the number of trainings purchased and client type. A full breakdown and explanation of pricing options is available online at [www.thenewstewards.org](http://www.thenewstewards.org).

## DO FACILITATOR AND INSTRUCTORS NEED TO BE RE-AUTHORIZED/RE-CERTIFIED?

Yes. Although the updated training still delivers the powerful messages found in the previous *Stewards of Children*®, major updates have been made to engage better and more diverse learning.

Re-Certification for Instructors and Re-Authorization for Facilitator is now available.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP?

Authorization and Re-Authorization workshop schedules are posted online at [www.thenewstewards.org](http://www.thenewstewards.org). Seats are limited, so we highly encourage you to reserve your workshop as soon as possible.

### WHAT IS THE COST OF FACILITATOR AUTHORIZATION?

The Authorized Facilitator Course, remains priced at \$450, and is intended for those who have never completed a Darkness to Light Authorized Facilitator Workshop.

Included in the training cost is a Facilitator Workshop Kit, which is everything you need to facilitate your first training of 10 seats. You will be responsible for shipping costs.

### WHAT IS THE COST OF FACILITATOR RE-AUTHORIZATION?

The Facilitator Re-Authorization course is offered at a discounted rate of \$300, and is intended for Facilitators who have been previously authorized in *Stewards of Children*®.

Included in the training cost is a Facilitator Workshop Kit, which is everything you need to facilitate your first training of 10 seats. You will be responsible for shipping costs.

### WHAT IS THE COST OF INSTRUCTOR RE-CERTIFICATION?

Certified Instructors are offered Re-Certification free-of-charge.

We hope that in-turn, you may be willing to assist with the influx of Facilitator Authorizations/Re-Authorization over the next year. Instructors will be compensated for their time.

### WHEN WILL THE PREVIOUS VERSION OF STEWARDS OF CHILDREN® BE RETIRED?

Darkness to Light understands the deep connection to the previous curriculum, as well as financial investments in materials. Therefore, the previous version of *Stewards of Children*® will be phased out slowly, allowing for trainings to continue to be delivered in its current format through December 31, 2023.

Purchases will also end along a similar timeline. We will closely monitor the availability of items in our Storefront, and will communicate, with notice, a cut-off date for current curriculum purchases.

### WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT CAN I EXPECT FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT?

Darkness to Light is committed to providing enhanced support to our Certified Instructors and Authorized Facilitators, during this transition time. Over the next several months, we are hosting a series of webinars to address your questions and concerns and provide helpful guidance along the way.

To help you feel more confident in promoting the NEW *Stewards of Children*® training to your communities, we have developed marketing assets that will be more readily and conveniently available to you, including video promos, fact sheets, training one-sheets, and more.

Additionally, we are planning a new series of professional development opportunities, that will better guide the activation of *Stewards of Children*® in diverse communities.

Lastly, Darkness to Light has invested in improvements to our customer support. Our team is now able to more quickly and effectively respond to customer phone calls and emails.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Darkness to Light appreciates the overwhelming support of our Certified Instructors and Authorized Facilitators, as we have worked tirelessly to update the *Stewards of Children*® training to meet the ever-changing needs of children and the adults entrusted with their care.

We understand that the introduction of a new training may pose some challenges for you or your organization. Therefore, we encourage you to take the time you need to fully understand these updates, ask questions and make your own determination on when you can roll-out the NEW *Stewards of Children*®.

We thank you for your continued support and patience in this process. We hope that you feel valued in this effort and immensely proud of what we have created together. If you need support or would like to provide feedback to us, please reach out via email to [facilitatorsupport@d2l.org](mailto:facilitatorsupport@d2l.org).