STOP THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AWARENESS WEEK

EVENT CALENDAR

Youth, parents, caregivers, front-line workers, teachers, police and other community members are encouraged to attend these events being held across BC during Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week. These events provide great educational and networking opportunities. Join in these local efforts to raise awareness and stop sexual exploitation.

Surrey

Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Video Premiere

The Pacific Community Resources Society’s (PCRS) Stop Exploiting Youth program will be premiering 5 short video clips on how to recognize the signs of sexual exploitation, grooming and recruiting tactics and where to access supports in the community. The videos will be available through PCRS’ social media platforms during the awareness week to be shared to educate family, friends and colleagues. Snacks will be provided.

Where: Newton Youth Hub, #114-13479 76th Avenue, Surrey, BC
When: March 4, 2020, 5pm to 7pm
Contact: For more information, please contact Rhea Gabor at rgabor@pcrs.ca or RSVP at communications@pcrs.ca

Vancouver

9th Annual Celebration of Success

Join Children of the Street to kick off the Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week as they honor their partners and supporters in the community, and celebrate the work and achievements they’ve accomplished to keep BC’s kids safe. You’ll also get to see previews of our educational prevention workshops, see the new awareness campaign, participate in a grand-prize raffle draw, and enjoy excellent food, a cash bar, and a silent auction.

Where: Hycroft Manor, 1489 McRae Avenue, Vancouver, BC
When: March 5, 2020, 6pm to 9pm
Contact: For more information, please visit childrenofthestreet.com/celebrate

Chilliwack

Can You See It?

In an effort to raise awareness, the Chilliwack Sexual Exploitation Awareness Community Action Team (SEACAT) Committee will be hosting a gathering to share a meal, meet new people, and have an open discussion about sexual exploitation in Chilliwack.

Where: Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 46361 Yale Rd, Chilliwack, BC
When: March 9, 2020, 3:30pm
Contact: For more information, please contact Catherine Drennan at Catherine.drennan@gov.bc.ca
**Langley**

**Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week at the Langley Youth Hub**

The event is focused on sexual exploitation awareness/prevention and youth wellness. The event is open to all youth ages 12-24. Drop-in admission and all activities are free. Dinner and swag bags with resources will also be provided to youth who drop in.

*Where:* Langley Youth Resource Centre, 6275 203 St., Langley, BC  
*When:* March 10, 2020, 2pm to 6pm  
*Contact:* For more information, please contact Gurdaya Sidhu at 604-546-1130 or gsidhu@encompass-supports.com

**Vancouver**

**Gangs and Online Exploitation**

Join the Vancouver Community Action Team, a network of local community service providers working together to promote awareness & prevention of the sexual exploitation of children and youth, for two hour-long workshops designed specifically for parents to better understand how to keep their children safe from gang and online exploitation.

*Her Time* provides parents with information on the dangers and effects that gangs have on young women and what to do if you suspect your child is involved. Exiting tools and resources are provided.  
*Safer Space* offers up-to-date knowledge to keep your children safe when using apps and social media.

*Where:* Strathcona Community Centre, 604 Keefer St, Vancouver, BC  
*When:* March 10, 2020, 6:30pm to 8:30pm (doors open at 6pm)  
*Contact:* For more information and to RSVP, please email event@plea.bc.ca

**Abbotsford**

**Public Rally**

Come out and stand with the Abbotsford Community Action Team who will be hosting their annual Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Public Rally.

*Where:* SACRO, 32700 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, BC  
*When:* March 10, 2020, 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
*Contact:* For more information, please contact Sheila Lum at 604-556-4619 or email sheila.lum@abbotsfordcommunityservices.com

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows**

**Sexual Health Awareness**

A sexual health education workshop for youth who participate in PLEA Community Services programs to learn about biological changes, consent, healthy relationships, and other related topics.

*Where:* PLEA Ridge Meadows  
*When:* March 16, 2020, 4pm to 6pm  
*Contact:* For more information, please contact Wilf Leung at wleung@plea.bc.ca
Fuchsia-coloured ribbons symbolize efforts in preventing the sexual exploitation of children and youth because it is a combination of red, for red light districts and purple, the provincial colour for violence prevention. Communities and agencies across the province wear these ribbons in an effort to raise awareness about the issue of child and youth sexual exploitation.

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