

March 4 to 10, 2024

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 B.C. 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.



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Vancouver

Vancouver Community Action Team Against the Sexual Exploitation of Youth, Supporting and Connecting Youth Program, and Shameless Hussy Productions

Love Bomb

Critically acclaimed musical Love Bomb by Meghan Gardiner. Love Bomb is a rock concert within a play and a mystery on top of that. A concert of emotion rips through Justine's first performance in years and all because of one uninvited guest, her music takes on a life of its own. Directed by Reneé Iaci and starring Daune Campbell and Melissa Kahan, Love Bomb takes an intimate and emotionally brave look at sex trafficking.

Where: Kitsilano Secondary School, 2706 Trafalgar Street, Vancouver, B.C.

When: March 5, 2024 starting at 7:00 pm followed by a moderated panel discussion. There will be a meet and greet at 6:30 pm with refreshments provided.

Contact: To register for this free event, see [poster](#).

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Langley

Encompass Support Services Society

Let's Keep our Youth Safe Online

This interactive workshop is available for all caregivers, parents or service providers that work with youth. We will discuss how to keep youth safe online while teaching them skills to navigate the online world.

Where: Foundry Langley, 20616 Eastleigh Crescent, Langley, B.C.

When: March 5, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Contact: For more information, please contact Catalina Ramirez, Youth Street Outreach Worker, at cramirez@encompass-supports.com.

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Surrey

Stop Exploiting Youth program, Pacific Community Resources Society **Exploitation Unmasked: Insights from Experts**

The panel will look at online exploitation from various orientations with questions covering why youth interact with strangers online to how they can get out of exploitative relationships with community resources. Event is for professionals, parents, and caregivers.

Where: 13485 Central Ave, SAFE Center, Floor 9, Surrey, B.C.

When: March 6, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Contact: For more information, please contact Jewel Kells-Hardcastle at jkellshardcastle@pcrs.ca.

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Greater Vancouver

Children of the Street – PLEA Community Services **Celebration of Success 2024**

Celebration of Success is our signature event, which serves to raise awareness of child/youth sexual exploitation, thank our partner and supporters, and raise funds for our free services and programs. The event will showcase snapshots of our school-based prevention workshops, the reveal of our public awareness campaign, and updates on everything we have achieved together. Guests will also enjoy food, a cash bar, networking opportunities, and door prizes! This is public event, tickets are by donation and can be purchase through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by email to lhieda@plea.bc.ca.

Where: Riverway Clubhouse, 9001 Bill Fox Way, Burnaby B.C.

When: March 7, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Contact: For more information, please contact Neely Yuda at nyuda@plea.bc.ca.

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Canada-wide

Ally Global Foundation and the Exploitation Education Institute **The Prevention Project** **Free online education materials for grades 3-12**

ExEd and Ally have partnered together to create fun and engaging educational videos geared towards young Canadians and those who influence their lives. These thought provoking and ground breaking multimedia resources are designed to equip children and youth from grades 3-12 with the skills to navigate online interactions and in person relationships in a safe and healthy way by covering topics such as online grooming, non consensual intimate image sharing, high risk online behaviours, sexual exploitation, consent and much more.

Where: Virtual at www.preventionproject.ca

When: The website will go live on March 4th.

Contact: For more information, please contact Tiana Sharifi, CEO, the Exploitation Education Institute at info@exploitationeducation.org or Sofia Friesen, Canadian Programs Director, Ally Global Foundation at sofia@ally.org.

Surrey/Delta

Stop Exploiting Youth program, Pacific Community Resources Society

Glow Party

This event is open to all female identifying youth ages 13 to 18. Let's DANCE and EMPOWER one another to never forget our power.

Where: City Centre Youth Hub, 10453 Whalley Blvd, Surrey, B.C.

When: March 7, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Contact: For more information, please contact Julia Verchez at jverchez@pcrs.ca.

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Encompass Supports Service Society

Decorate a Daisy Day & BBQ: In honour of survivors of sexual exploitation

Public event open to all youth 12-24. We will decorate daisies to honor those children and youth survivors of sexual exploitation. We will celebrate our youth and promote ways to stay safe. We will have games, arts & crafts and dinner will also be provided!

Where: 6275 203rd Street Langley, B.C.

When: March 8, 2024 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Contact: For more information, please contact Catalina Ramirez, Youth Street Outreach Worker, at cramirez@encompass-supports.com.

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THE FUCHSIA RIBBON CAMPAIGN

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.