

Hidden Dangers

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The RCMP, MCFD, PCRS and CCS - Youth Services are pleased to be hosting free public events to raise awareness on the issue of sexual exploitation of children and youth in our communities. These events are being held in recognition of the annual ***Stopping the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week, March 7th - 13th, 2011***. This is the 13th consecutive year that the Province of BC has officially designated its support to help emphasize the importance of supporting communities in developing prevention, education, enforcement and intervention strategies to address the sexual exploitation of children and youth.

The first event "***Parenting in Cyber Age***" will be held on **Monday March 7, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at City Hall 8550 Young Road, Chilliwack**. This workshop familiarizes parents and professionals with online youth culture. The presentation will cover a description of online environments, responsible online behaviors, online high-risk behaviors and their consequences, and the permanence of digital images and their implications. Handout materials to support participants continued learning and links to specific online resources for parents and professionals will be provided.

The second event "***Taking care of ourselves, taking care of others***" (TCO2) is a **closed** event and will take place on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 8:30am to 2:30pm at Chilliwack Middle school (46354 Yale Road)**. This event is a unique and empowering interactive workshop designed and delivered for youth by youth, about preventing sexual exploitation. Using monologue, role-play and engaging activities, the youth facilitators involve students in a meaningful, interactive discussion of what sexual exploitation is, who is involved, and how to prevent it from happening to them. The presentation will teach the students how to stay safe and be more aware of the dangers in relation to being sexually exploited.

The final event, "***Taking care of ourselves, taking care of others***" (TCO2), will be workshop presented by The Children of the Street Society. This event will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 2011, from 7pm-9pm at G.W.Graham School (45955 Thomas Road)**. This presentation will be specific to parents and professionals and will include: recruitment tactics, warning signs of exploitation, domestic trafficking, violence and drugs in the sex trade, exploitation over the Internet, non-commercial forms of exploitation, males in the sex trade, barriers to exiting the sex trade, community resources, and how to get help. This workshop will be open to the public. Parents and professionals are encouraged to attend.

As part of the local activities for this event, we will be distributing fuchsia colored ribbons. Fuchsia represents a combination of the color red, for red-light districts, and purple which is the provincial color for violence prevention.

Admissions to these events are **free**. All community members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. At the end of the sessions there will be opportunities to network and ask questions. Refreshments will be provided.

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