



Keeping you up to date on events and resources essential for healthier schools and communities

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## About Us



**Our Vision:** Children and youth in British Columbia are nurtured in safe, caring, and inclusive schools and communities to ensure their well-being and maximize their potential.

**Our Mission:** To facilitate the use of evidence-informed approaches to promoting safe, healthy, and inclusive schools and communities.

**Our Mandate:** To provide research and resources which support the creation of safe and socially just schools and communities throughout the province.

### To learn more about us and what is available through our centre...

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## Theme

### Child Exploitation – Summertime Internet Safety

During the summer months, young people with internet access and plenty of healthy curiosity may have more time to wander into some of the unsavory areas of the world wide web. Without parental supervision, free time on the web can provide greater opportunity to participate in risky on-line behaviours.

Police and child protection agencies across Canada and around the world have been warning parents about the dangers of child luring on the Internet for several years. The facts are indisputable: children are using the Internet more and more, and the predators know it. In chat rooms and social networking sites, 'friends' can be anyone, and children can make the mistake of connecting with unscrupulous people. When anyone enters their personal details on-line, or posts a suggestive picture of themselves 'only to their closest friend', or makes new 'cyber' friendships, they may not realize the potential impact or danger of their actions.

There are no borders in cyberspace and smart offenders use this fact to their advantage. The London-based Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre has documented an increase in self-taken fully or partial nude pictures captured via webcams as a result of online grooming. CEOP warns that "there is also a marked trend of the use of webcam streaming chat sites, enabling offenders to interact either through instant messages and/or webcam to share previously captured footage or live-time images of abuse of children in their care".

These types of activities can take place anywhere there is access to the internet. Some particularly worrisome internet sites are those that feature live chat and video. These are sites where participants can chat randomly with strangers from around the world. A recent experiment was done in which the video was disabled while the individual was posing as a 13 year old girl. Solicitation for sex occurred in the most graphic terms – one offer arrived within eight seconds of signing on! A bored or lonely, or simply curious teenager can engage in very graphic, sexual ‘chat’ and then progress to video within moments.

Sex offenders and predators on the internet may use sexual images of children having sex with other children to ‘normalize’ the behaviour. Leading researchers have concluded that computers act as an aid for those who are sexually interested in children and child pornography; they use the computer for sexual arousal and gratification, “lowering of children’s inhibitions by exposing them to pictures of other children apparently enjoying sexual activities, blackmail, means of exchange and commercial value” (Taylor and Quayle, 2003).

If you are simply unable to supervise your children when they are using the Internet, use a parental blocker.

**Shaw** has a free internet parental safety feature. For details: <http://www.shaw.ca/en-ca/ProductsServices/Internet/Internet+Explained/Internet+Safety.htm>

**Telus** offers a similar service as well:

[http://www.telus.com/content/internet/security/security\\_services/parental\\_control.jsp](http://www.telus.com/content/internet/security/security_services/parental_control.jsp)

**Cybertip.ca** is the national reporting centre for reporting exploitation on line. The website is [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca). Teachers and parents will find all kinds of educational materials at the site that are easy to read and understand. One particularly useful site is called ‘the door is not locked’ at <http://www.thedoorthatnotlocked.ca/app/en/>.

Locally, the **Abbotsford Police Department** has posted information on preventing crimes committed on the Internet at [http://abbypd.ca/index.php?page\\_id=137](http://abbypd.ca/index.php?page_id=137)

Interestingly, as of Monday, July 12, 2010, Facebook users in the United Kingdom have a 'report alert' button on their home pages. This reporting button takes users to a host of useful pages and information for subscribers to use if they are worried about any messages received or pictures posted on their Facebook pages. This feature is not yet available in Canada but can be viewed at:

[http://apps.facebook.com/clickceop/?\\_fb\\_fromhash=18192f3fa0ce3e4900c567d489384f1d](http://apps.facebook.com/clickceop/?_fb_fromhash=18192f3fa0ce3e4900c567d489384f1d)

If you, or your child, are exposed to any material of an inappropriate sexual nature on the Internet, report this activity to [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca). If you believe a child to be in immediate danger, call the police.

*Summertime Internet Safety was written by Catherine Dawson, a recent graduate of UFV's MA in Criminal Justice program. She completed a major study regarding the capacity of the Canadian police to respond to images of child abuse on the Internet.*

#### **Further information and services concerning child exploitation:**

- BC Teacher’s Federation – Tips for teachers - Cyberbullying  
<http://www.bctf.ca/IssuesInEducation.aspx?id=15960>
- BC Government – Safe Kids BC  
<http://www.safekidsbc.ca/>
- Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal – Policy and Legislation  
[http://dev.cwrp.ca/policy-legislation?order=field\\_author\\_list\\_value&sort=desc](http://dev.cwrp.ca/policy-legislation?order=field_author_list_value&sort=desc)
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre  
<http://www.ceop.gov.uk/>
- Child Find British Columbia  
<http://childfindbc.com/>
- Children of the Street Society – Preventing Youth Sexual Exploitation  
<http://www.childrenofthestreet.com/>
- Cybertip.ca - Canada's national tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children.  
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site that are easy to read and understand. One particularly useful site is called 'the door is not locked' at <http://www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca/app/en/>.

- Correctional Service of Canada - Information on Child Victimization  
<http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/victims-victimes/chv-cre-eng.shtml>
- National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre  
<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ncecc-cncee/index-accueil-eng.htm>
- Newcomer Children Information Exchange  
<http://www.amssa.org/ancie/>
- RCMP BC – Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (ICEU) identifies and assists child victims of sexual abuse; identifies those responsible for abuse; lays appropriate criminal charges for assaults, creation of the images, and their distribution.  
<http://bc.rcmp.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=149&languageId=1&contentId=-1>
- Stop the Traffik – People Shouldn't Be Bought and Sold  
<http://www.stophetraffik.org/default.aspx>
- UNICEF - Child Protection from Violence, Exploitation, and Abuse  
<http://www.unicef.org/protection/index.html>

#### **Publications:**

- Child Protection: A Handbook for Parliamentarians.  
[http://www.unicef.org/publications/index\\_21134.html](http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_21134.html)
- BC Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect. Contact [SafeSchoolsCommunities@ufv.ca](mailto:SafeSchoolsCommunities@ufv.ca) for copies of 10 or less. Electronic copies:  
[http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child\\_protection/pdf/handbook\\_action\\_child\\_abuse.pdf](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child_protection/pdf/handbook_action_child_abuse.pdf)
- International Child Abductions: A Manual for Parents.  
[http://www.voyage.gc.ca/publications/pdf/int\\_child\\_abduct-en.pdf](http://www.voyage.gc.ca/publications/pdf/int_child_abduct-en.pdf)
- Beyond Borders - Canada's global voice against the sexual exploitation of children.  
<http://www.beyondborders.org/wp/publications/>
- Sexual Exploitation Toolkit  
<http://host.jibc.ca/seytoolkit/rap.htm>

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

### **International Youth Day**

August 12, 2010

International Youth Day will be celebrated at United Nations headquarters in New York with the global launch event of the International Year of Youth. The event will be a celebration of young peoples' energy, imagination and initiatives and will recognize their crucial contributions to enhancing peace and development. For further information: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/iyouthday.htm>

### **International Literacy Day**

September 8, 2010

Highlights the importance of literacy in areas such as health and education.

### **November 20, 2010 – National Child Day**

Child Day is an opportunity to celebrate progress and take action to fulfill the promise of the best we have to give children – in our communities, our country and around the world. Check your community for events. To view Canada's report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child:

[http://www.canadiancrc.com/UN\\_CRC/UN\\_Committee\\_Rights\\_Child\\_Canada\\_2nd\\_Report-Overview\\_SEP\\_2003\\_34th\\_Session.aspx](http://www.canadiancrc.com/UN_CRC/UN_Committee_Rights_Child_Canada_2nd_Report-Overview_SEP_2003_34th_Session.aspx)

Watch for more information about an upcoming BC campaign to raise awareness about the unique rights of children and youth:

[http://www.ufv.ca/Assets/BC+Centres+%28CRIM%29/Safe+Schools/What%27s+New/BC\\_Child\\_Rights\\_Public\\_Awareness\\_Campaign.pdf](http://www.ufv.ca/Assets/BC+Centres+%28CRIM%29/Safe+Schools/What%27s+New/BC_Child_Rights_Public_Awareness_Campaign.pdf)

## Library Corner

The BC Centre's Library collection has many resources to promote a better understanding of, and to prevent the exploitation of children and youth. A sample of book titles that can be borrowed at no charge from our library is listed below:



### Child Abuse on the Internet: Ending the Silence

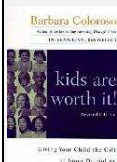
This resource looks at child pornography and sexual abuse of children through the misuse of internet/media and records responses from various sectors of society. The book also illustrates how individuals and organizations can cooperate effectively, the efforts being made to share information, build networks, and the works being carried out in Africa, Albania, Brazil, Guatemala, Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

### Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats: Responding to the Challenge of Online Social Aggression, Threats, and Distress

This book examines the widespread problems and emotional harms caused by online communications in response to increasing reports of youth suicide, violence, and abduction related to cyberbullying and cyberthreats. Offers school counselors, administrators, and teachers important information on how to prevent and respond to cyberbullying and cyberthreats also suggesting guidelines for managing in-school use of the Internet.



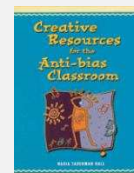
### Kids are Worth it!: Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline



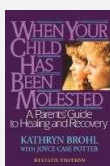
This guide rejects "quick-fix" solutions and focuses on helping kids develop their own self-discipline by owning up to their mistakes, thinking through solutions, and correcting behaviours while leaving their dignity intact.

### Creative Resources for the Anti-Bias Classroom

This book has a comprehensive focus on children from birth to age twelve. It promotes self esteem and individual uniqueness while providing developmentally appropriate interactions. This approach presents information in a simple, straightforward manner with hundreds of activities that demonstrate an integrated curriculum approach.



### When Your Child has been Molested: a Parent's Guide to Healing and Recovery



Includes current research and information on the nature and effects of molestation on boys and girls, as well as proven techniques for therapy. Offers advice, reality checks, and tips for navigating the judicial process.

The Centre's library has resources for a wide variety of safety and social responsibility-related themes. We welcome you to search our on-line catalogue at <http://www.ufv.ca/bccssc> or call us for more information at 1-888-224-7233.

## Upcoming Events and Activities

### Non Profit Management Course

Fall 2010 and Winter 2011

This accredited course was developed by the BC Centre for Non Profit Development to build capacity in the non-profit sector by providing free educational opportunities for staff and volunteers. The Centre has ten signed agreements to deliver the course in post secondary institutions throughout the province. For more information about the course, or how to secure a free seat at one of the participating institutions, call 1-877-388-8716 or visit [www.bccnpsd.ca](http://www.bccnpsd.ca) under Education.

**2010 Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights (ICCR): 'Children's Rights and Globalization. From Principles to Practice'**

September 5-17, 2010, Ghent and Antwerp (Belgium)

This course is provided through an interdisciplinary and international program which attracts a diverse range of participants from all over the world. It will be led by key experts in the field. Further details can be found at <http://www.iccr.be>

**Health and Wellbeing in Children, Youth, and Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

September 29-October 1, 2010, Vancouver, BC

This conference will provide education and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioural and complex health components specific to individuals with DD, and showcase best practices in the field. For more information: [http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Developmental\\_Disabilities.html](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Developmental_Disabilities.html)

**The 2010 Champions for Children and Youth Summit**

October 18 – 19, 2010, Vancouver, BC

This conference is designed to educate, challenge, and inspire leaders to prepare a better path for B.C.'s children and youth. For further information:

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=868459>

**The Fourth R Training**

October 22, 2010 , Vancouver School District

The Fourth R is an evidence based curriculum that targets adolescent risk taking behaviour, developed at the University of Western Ontario. The program is comprised of three units: relationship safety; sexual health; and, substance use/abuse. Suggested participants include Planning Ten, Alt Ed and Aboriginal Ed teachers. For on-line registration :

<http://www2.vsb.bc.ca/vsbprograms/prod/register.htm?page=workshopdetails&workshopid=1141>

**British Columbia School Counselors Association Conference: Invest in Children...in Youth...in Families...in Yourself**

October 21 and 22, 2010, Vancouver, BC

To view the lineup of keynote presentations, workshops, and special events visit:

<http://www.bcscconference.ca/index.php>

**Childhood & Adolescent Obesity 2010**

Oct 27-29, 2010, Hamilton, Ontario

This conference will focus on the family to examine important intergenerational and family-based determinants of childhood obesity. Insight on prevention and treatment strategies for children with obesity at the policy, school, public health and primary care levels, along with discussions regarding emerging issues relating to childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes mellitus in aboriginal communities will be featured. For more information: [http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Obesity\\_Conference.htm](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Obesity_Conference.htm)

**Complex Traumatic Stress Disorders: Advances in Conceptualization and Evidence-Based Treatments**

Oct 28-29, 2010, JIBC New Westminster Campus

Complex traumatic stress disorders develop in the aftermath of chronic cumulative trauma, particularly severe child abuse and neglect. They are also associated with relational insecurity and disorganization in primary attachment relationships. Participants will obtain an increased understanding of the nature, diagnosis, and treatment of these conditions and disorders, drawing upon recent clinical consensus and empirical findings. For further information: <http://www.jibc.ca/cccs/CCCSEvents.html#spe155>

## Hot Topics and Releases

### Shaken Baby Syndrome Investigator's Guide

Working with retired RCMP officer Craig Smith, Dr. Irwin Cohen and Dr. Darryl Plecas have released an investigator's guide to Shaken Baby Syndrome. This guide outlines what is shaken baby syndrome, who is the most common perpetrators, the physical and mental damage done to babies and infants, the syndrome's prevalence, and how investigators can properly identify the syndrome, interview possible suspects, and collect the necessary evidence. To read the guide:

[http://www.ufv.ca/bccsr/Published\\_Research.htm](http://www.ufv.ca/bccsr/Published_Research.htm)

### Criminal Record Checks for the Non Profit Sector in British Columbia

The BC Centre for Non Profit Development has undertaken a province wide research project on criminal record checks after becoming increasingly aware of their varying costs across British Columbia. For non-profit organizations working regionally and provincially, these variations in costs create confusion. The purpose of this study is to provide an overview of criminal record check information for the province, as well as explore opportunities to work together towards a more equitable system for the sector. To

download the report: [http://www.ufv.ca/Assets/BC+Centres+%28CRIM%29/Non-Profit+Development/Criminal\\_Record\\_Check\\_Report.pdf](http://www.ufv.ca/Assets/BC+Centres+%28CRIM%29/Non-Profit+Development/Criminal_Record_Check_Report.pdf)

### TEXTed Pilot Website

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) launched **textED.ca**, an innovative and interactive website designed to teach teens to be safe, responsible, and respectful users of texting technologies. The launch involves piloting the site in 100 Grade 7 classrooms across Canada. From learning how to deal with textual harassers, to helping teens deal with stress or a relationship break-up, the textED.ca website offers games, quizzes, discussion pages, downloads, and other fun tools to help youth navigate difficult issues. Teachers are encouraged to visit [www.textED.ca](http://www.textED.ca) to access lesson plans and for details on an exciting class project contest.

### BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Community consultation reports on emerging issues for youth gang prevention are now available. The papers present the results from three community consultations on the topics of gangs, girls and sexual exploitation; newcomer and refugee youth gang involvement; and strength-based approaches to youth gang prevention. To view: <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/crimeprevention/gangs/index.htm>

### Bill C-268 – New law Concerning Child Trafficking

On June 17, 2010, Canada's Senate Committee adopted the third reading of Bill C-268, an Act to amend the Criminal Code regarding minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years. The legislation will be sent to the Governor General of Canada for Royal Assent. The new bill will amend Canada's Criminal Code to introduce a new human trafficking offence specifically addressing child traffickers. The new law will provide a minimum sentence of five years imprisonment for anyone convicted of trafficking a minor in Canada and a minimum of six years imprisonment for cases with aggravating factors. For more information:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Docid=3633890&file=4>

## We would love to hear from you!

If you have information or an event to support the goal of promoting safety for consideration in our next newsletter, please call or forward your correspondence to [safeschoolscommunities@ufv.ca](mailto:safeschoolscommunities@ufv.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!



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