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RESPONDING TO YOUTH VIOLENCE

We value the opportunity to support communities in creating healthier social environments for children and youth. This bulletin contains current information highlighting initiatives, resources, and conferences for responding to recent incidents of violence involving teens in Pitt Meadows and Delta.

Several *open letters for parents* and adults working with youth have been created by violence prevention specialists. The [first letter](#), written by Kaycee Jane, parent and author of *Frog or Prince: The Smart Girl's Guide to Boyfriends*, offers information to promote critical discussions with teens, along with simple clear rules to promote safe and mutually respectful relationships. A [second letter](#), by Lynn Glazier, documentary director and producer of *It's a Teen's World: wired for sex, lies and power-trips* delves into the hyper-sexualized social world of teens to uncover complexities that effect the behaviours and choices that teens make. These letters can be reproduced as needed. These letters can also be obtained on the "what's new" page of our website.



Schools will also find *newly developed educational resources* based on Glazier's DVD through www.itsateensworld.com that use dramatic films in a series of standalone educational modules to promote student discussion about sexual pressures and strategies to combat them. Purchase information is available on the website. Interactive quizzes for youth and numerous additional resources regarding social and media literacy are also located on this site.

Finally, we wish to highlight Media Awareness Network (MNet) and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) have chosen [Gender and Media](#) as the theme for *Canada's 5th Media Literacy Week - November 1-5, 2010*. Through this initiative, teachers, parents, and professionals working with young people are encouraged to explore issues related to gender representation in the media - body image, stereotyping, sexualisation, roles and relationships. Resources to support this can be found on their [website](#).



Watch:

CBC [Radio Broadcast](#) of *Wired for Sex, Lies and Power Trips: IT'S A TEEN'S WORLD*

Canadian Studies on Peer to Peer Violence Among Youth

- Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System
<http://www.lfcc.on.ca/resserv.htm>
- Stats Canada – Dating Violence
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2010002/article/11242-eng.htm>

Information on Teen Violence Prevention:

- Help lines and information
<http://www.youthconnect.ca/htdocs/english/findhelp/links.asp>
- Violence Prevention
<http://www.child.net/violence.htm>
- “Love Shouldn’t Hurt”
<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/owd/english/youthzone/preventing/>
- Preventing Violence
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/resolve/violenceprevention/English/reviewprog/youthdintro.htm>

Plan an Event:

- Media Literacy Week – November 1-5, 2010 <http://www.medialiteracyweek.ca/en/default.htm>
- Bullying Awareness Week November 14 – 20, 2010 <http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>

Fall Conferences:

- *Growing Up in BC: The 2010 Champions for Children and Youth Summit*
October 18-19, Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
- *ENCOMPASS Conference: All About Engagement: Practical Strategies K-12*
October 22, 2010, Seaquam Secondary School, Delta
- *Making Connections: Creating and Sustaining Positive Futures*
November 3-5, 2010, Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
- Conference details and additional conferences for parents and professionals, including police, educators, social workers, and government sector are listed on the [Centres website](http://www.bccssc.ca) (www.bccssc.ca).

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We would love to hear from you!

If you have a request for information for future newsletters or an event to support the goal of promoting safer schools and communities,



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