



Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre NEWSLETTER

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Kids should **ONLY** have to tell their story **ONCE!**

Teaching Consent to Children and Youth

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Consent is an important concept to teach children early on. Learning about consent encourages healthier relationships in children and youth's lives, with friends, family, and romantic partners. Teaching consent includes learning to respect others' boundaries, and, it empowers children and youth to set their own boundaries. A child or youth is never too young or old to begin learning about consent.

Here are some tips for helping children and youth learn about consent and its importance!

Talking about consent is vital, but it may not be an easy conversation for many parents. Reach out to a trusted person who is good at dealing with sensitive subjects for advice.

Tip #1: Encourage your child to ask for consent from an early age (i.e. ask to give someone a hug, ask to touch other people's things, as well as expect others to ask for consent from them).

Tip #2: Teach to respect the "no" message. And that while "no" means "no", only "yes" means "yes". The absence of a "no" is not consent.

Tip #3: Practice a safety plan for situations where they are may feel uncomfortable (i.e. tell a Safe Adult).

Tip #4: Have conversations about personal boundaries and empower them to use their voice when uncomfortable.

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Our Vision

A safe, responsive environment providing advocacy and healing to children/youth victims of abuse.

WE CARE

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ENWIN Utilities Ltd. was pleased to partner with the Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre (WECYAC) in its latest e-billing promotion to encourage local residents to sign up online for paperless billing. At the start of the promotion, for each new e-billing sign up ENWIN planned to donate \$5 to a local charity and we decided to seek the input of our valued team to decide on the charity. While various worthy organizations were presented to our staff for potential support, the team at ENWIN unanimously voted to support the Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre due to their vital contributions within Windsor and its surrounding area.

The program resulted in a donation of over \$6000, which would not have been possible without the help of our local community, and their recognition of the valuable programming within the WECYAC.

WECYAC is committed to providing a safe environment for children/youth to disclose their stories to a specifically trained team of professionals. It is an integral resource for those young individuals, and their families, dealing with the trauma of abuse.

At ENWIN our vision is to be a trusted leader within our community, and this leadership is mirrored within the team of WECYAC and their focus on the health and well-being of the children of our city.

Although a very young organization, we anticipate WECYAC having many successful years of additional growth and look forward to further collaborative opportunities.

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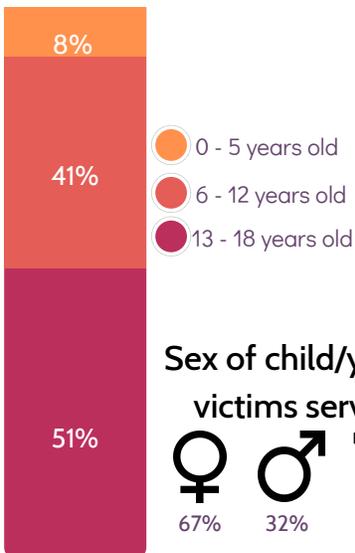
Since 2018 St. Clair College has been a proud and active partner of the WECYAC. At that time only 25 such agencies were active in Canada, but none were directly linked to a Community College. The Board of Governors of the College realized the importance of a safe and functional environment and how vitally important the CYAC system is to an investigation. The College then decided to host the centre on the (main) South Campus.

Having the WECYAC operate on the St. Clair College campus provides a higher community profile and demonstrates the College's commitment towards servicing the needs of our community. The college prides itself on providing hands on learning experiences and with our partnership, students have gained enhanced appreciation dealing with these unique investigations. Having the WECYAC on campus has provided experiential learning opportunities for several programs. Students are appreciative of this opportunity and the College looks forward to identifying other collaborative ventures to provide evidence-based effective learning.

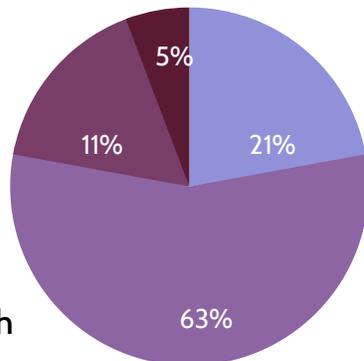
The proud partnership that was created with the WECYAC demonstrates the Colleges commitment to the betterment of the community by enhancing education for our students, performing collaborative research, and supporting a community service that was desperately needed for children/youth that have suffered from sexual and physical abuse. This initiative is the first of its kind in Canada and I'm sure won't be the last.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

Age of child/youth victims served



Types of alleged abuse



Sex of child/youth victims served



AWARENESS INITIATIVES

International Women's Day - March 8th, 2022



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Mindfulness Mondays

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