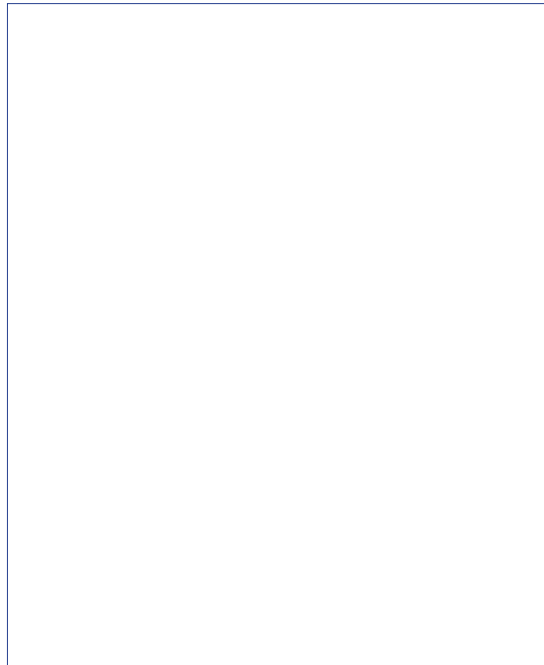




Find out More about the Violence is Preventable program in your community by contacting your local Children Who Witness Abuse program:



## SERVICES AVAILABLE

Both the CWWA and VIP programs are of no cost and offer students and educators services including:

- School-based prevention presentations about violence against women.
- In-depth group intervention and individual support for children and youth who have been exposed to violence in the home.
- Professional development workshops for teachers, educators and school staff.

The BC Society of Transition Houses is a non-profit association of British Columbia's Transition House, Second Stage, Safe Home, Outreach and Children Who Witness Abuse and Violence Is Preventable programs serving the needs of women, youth and children who experience violence.



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*this is the first abuse presentation I've seen \**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH BENEFIT BECAUSE THEY WILL:

- Recognize that they are not alone and that there are supports available.
- Learn about healthy ways to express feelings such as anger.
- Learn about safe and healthy relationships.

## BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS

- Educators learn ways to support and refer children and youth in their classrooms who are exposed to violence at home.
- Support from CWWA counsellors for violence prevention education that addresses children and youth exposed to violence in the home.

*everyone deserves to feel safe \**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Three to five children in every classroom have been exposed to domestic violence.
- Schools may be the only safe place where children and youth can access support.
- Exposure to violence can negatively affect peer relations and academic achievement.
- Understanding the effects of children's exposure to violence can help adults to more effectively support students.
- Schools help to develop the values, norms and attitudes that children and youth learn. Early education and intervention programs can have a critical impact on building healthy relationships.

## THE VIP PROGRAM CAN HELP!

The Violence Is Preventable (VIP) program is a provincial strategy which links Children Who Witness Abuse Programs (social service prevention and intervention programming for school-aged children and youth) with schools. Through violence prevention activities, schools and CWWA programs work together to ensure that children and youth who have been impacted by violence receive the support they require.

## VIP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

- Break the silence about violence against women and girls by making it safe for children and youth to speak up and receive support.
- Increase educator and student awareness about violence in relationships and its effects on children's exposure.
- Facilitate partnerships between schools and communities to respond to the emotional, social, academic and psychological needs of children and youth exposed to violence against women.
- Link children and youth to free Children Who Witness Abuse counselling programs.

*I WILL REMEMBER HOW MANY PLACES I CAN GO TO FOR HELP. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT \**  
*I'M LUCKY TO BE HERE*

*\* No one talks about it. We need to make the world a safer place for victims of violence*

*I'll remember how to identify abusive relationships \**

*\* Quotes from students who participated in VIP Program*