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PREVspectives

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Special Edition

Bullying Awareness Week 2007: Stand UP!

Bullying Awareness Week is November 18-24, 2007. We have produced this special edition of PREVspectives to communicate some of the many wonderful and important activities being undertaken by our partners across the country and increasingly, around the globe.

Together we are making progress through our partnerships in building bridges between the current research understanding of bullying problems and the current practices of those who work with children and youth in all the places where they live, work, and play.

Please take a look through the activities below and our website <http://www.prevnet.ca> for tip sheets and tools for parents, teachers and kids based on our research, links to other resources, and the Bullying Awareness Week activities below.



Of special interest to those near Kingston Ontario

Friday November 23 at Duncan McArthur Hall, we are presenting "The Vicious Circle", a feature film conceived, written and filmed by Nick Arnold a Kingston high school student. It is an incredibly realistic window into the complex issue of bullying as seen through the eyes of a teenager.

Tickets: \$8 for students, \$10 for adults are available from Queen's Performing Arts Office (PAO)

E-mail raymondm@post.queensu.ca or call 613-533-2558 to book your tickets.

The Kandersteg declaration - of interest to all citizens concerned about bullying

<http://www.kanderstegdeclaration.org/>

PREVNet is leading a consortium of researchers from 15 nations to develop an international call to action on bullying. During Bullying Awareness Week we are encouraging Canadians to express their support for this Declaration by becoming a personal signatory and sending their Name, Affiliation, Country to: august.flammer@psy.unibe.ch

For 2008, plans include presenting the declaration to the United Nations, the World Health Organization and our respective governments.

Further activities with our Canadian partners include:

Bullying.org: Visit the official website for Bullying Awareness Week

Bullying Awareness Week is an opportunity for people at the grassroots level in communities around the world to get involved in this issue, not by waiting for "someone else" to do something, but rather for us to work together on preventing bullying in our communities through education and awareness.

Take the theme and make it your own in your community.

<http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>

Free public screening of the award-winning NFB documentary film "It's a Girl's World" about social bullying

November 22, 2007 - At 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM).

Bond Academy, 720 Midland Avenue, Toronto.

Introduction and Q&A with director Lynn Glazier.

RSVP: nadiner@bondacademy.ca or 416-266-8878 ext. 200.

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“Sharing Solutions for Bullying” presented by Kids Help Phone

Monday November 19 10:00AM – 4:00PM Enoch Turner Schoolhouse

Kids Help Phone will be hosting the “Sharing Solutions for Bullying” event on Monday, November 19th in Toronto. This event brings together experts in the field of bullying prevention to discuss how we can help prevent bullying among children and youth.

For more information, please contact Lindsay George, Communications Manager, Kids Help Phone

lindsay.george@kidshelpphone.ca.

Family Channel: Stand UP! school rallies during Bullying Awareness Week

It's time to Stand Up and speak out for Bullying Awareness Week. Family Channel, PREVNet and bullying.org want YOU to join thousands of your fellow peers across Canada to take a stand against bullying. The Stand UP! website also has tip sheets video and much more!

Go to <http://www.family.ca/standup/index.php>

Girl Guides of Canada: The Girls United Challenge

Girls United is a Girl Guides of Canada initiative that promotes healthy relationships and prevents bullying. It was developed in 2007 with the support of PREVNet. Girls United consists of training for leaders and challenges for girls. The Girls United Challenge includes activities that Girl Guide units will use to promote healthy relationships and prevent bullying. These activities highlight the negative impact of social aggression and bullying, and create a sense of caring, belonging, and mutual responsibility between all girls. Girls are eligible to receive a challenge crest when they participate in these activities.

<http://www.girlguides.ca/default1.asp?id=1384>

Canadian Safe School Network

At the Canadian Safe School Network bullying is a year-round focus. Currently, we have a number of resources available to help support the safe school initiatives that will be taking place throughout Canada during Bullying Awareness Week, such as Cool Heads in the Zone, Cool Kids in the Zone (also available in French) and anti-bullying posters and brochures. We also offer professional development throughout the year, such as our 11th Annual Safe School Conference, which will be held on Thursday, February 22nd in Toronto. For details regarding our resources, conferences and training, please visit our website: <http://www.canadiansafeschools.com/>

RespectED Violence & Abuse Prevention program of the Canadian Red Cross will be running a public education that will specifically focus on bystanders and how they can make a positive impact on bullying incidents. We want to educate and empower youth with knowledge and skills to influence the outcomes of bullying in a positive way. A few activities on the agenda:

Launching a video PSA contest for youth on bullying prevention

Running online PSAs targeted at youth websites

Taking the message to schools through anti-bullying workshops

Publicity initiatives

Launching a new bilingual website on the subject launching November 8: <http://www.standup2bullying.com>

Understanding Girls Aggression Conference

Monday, November 26th, 2007 at the MaRS Collaboration Centre, 101 College Street, Toronto, ON

Recent research on girls' aggression has underlined the importance of their relationships within the family, peer, and school contexts. This conference will focus on understanding the risk and protective factors related to girls' aggression with an emphasis on effective interventions for girls of all ages. Keynote sessions will include leading researchers from across Canada, the U.S., the U.K., and Australia.

For more information, please contact Sarah Bovaird: sarah.bovaird@sickkids.ca or 416-813-7654, ext. 4192.

<http://www.sickkids.ca/communityhealth/section.asp?s=Understanding+Girls+Conference&SID=22296>

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