



Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence
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Public Health Symposium: Improving Health of Youth and Healthy Relationships

KINGSTON, Ontario (October 26, 2012) — How can we really prevent bullying? By promoting healthy relationships and identifying relationship solutions. To assist with improving the healthy development of our youth today, the Public Health Agency of Canada is hosting an interactive symposium on healthy relationships.

The symposium will take place on Tuesday, October 30 in Ottawa, and is also available via teleconference (see details below). It will feature a presentation by renowned researchers, Dr. Wendy Craig (Queen's University) and Dr. Debra Pepler (York University), who co-direct the Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network (PREVNet). They will illustrate how relationships can be a common risk or protective factor underlying physical, mental, social and school health. Results from the 2010 Health Behaviour in School-aged Children survey will also be presented to support the theme that healthy development of children and youth depends on healthy relationships.

Following the presentation, a panel of federal experts will provide a short overview of their work in the context of healthy relationships. The symposium will conclude with a Q&A session and policy discussion led by Dr. Craig and Dr. Pepler, aimed at developing recommendations for improving the health of youth.

The outcome of the symposium will be an evidence-based report to enhance understanding of the central role that healthy relationships play in health across the lifecourse.

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Time: 1:30 – 4 pm, informal reception to follow

Location: Banting Auditorium, 251 Sir Frederick Banting Driveway, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ont.

Registration: Please RSVP by Monday, October 29 to Elaine.MacDonald@phac-aspc.gc.ca and indicate whether you will be joining in person or via teleconference.

Teleconference Details: 613-960-7513 or 1 877-413-4788 / Conference ID 5462543