

Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre

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KIDS SHOULD ONLY HAVE TO TELL THEIR STORY ONCE!!



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It's NOT Taboo My Body Is My Body

Too often we worry that talking about our body, our physical and sexual health, as well as our physical and sexual safety, will plant the idea or seed that enables children to think about or want to have sex.

Research supports that talking with children/youth about their body, about physical/sexual health and about the need to protect themselves, is healthy and acts as a protective factor for our children/youth.

If adults and caregivers are not having these challenging conversations, our children/youth are gaining their knowledge from their peers and media - which can be misleading, inaccurate and scary!

As caregivers, we can act as role models. By practicing the skills of having challenging

conversations, working through topics that make us feel uncomfortable, and safety planning, we are leading by example and opening the door for our children/youth to come to us to have those difficult conversations - should they ever be at risk or want to know more.

Additionally, opening the lines of communication improves the quality of relationships and provides our children/youth with communication skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

It is important that we remove the idea that our body is a taboo topic. If you want to know more about when and how to start these conversations, please contact WECYAC - 519-995-3974.

Our Vision

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

WE Care

Windsor Essex Cares About Children/Youth - Written by: Tecumseh Mall

"Tecumseh Mall has always had a mandate to support local organizations and has made WECYAC its charity of choice, recognizing the significant impact that this organization has for the children and youth of our city. To ensure the continuity of these services Tecumseh Mall has dedicated certain events and campaigns where all proceeds are in support of WECYAC. The successful Halloween event raised over \$600. For the holidays, this remarkable organization is providing gift wrapping and coat check services to mall patrons. Additionally, the mall has launched the "Helping Hands Campaign" in order to raise funds and awareness of the organization. This campaign features a dedicated wall in the shopping centre displaying participating tenants and showcasing paper hands of those who have donated and taken a stand against abuse in our community - Because we all believe that kids should only have to tell their story once!"

Want to know how you can help?

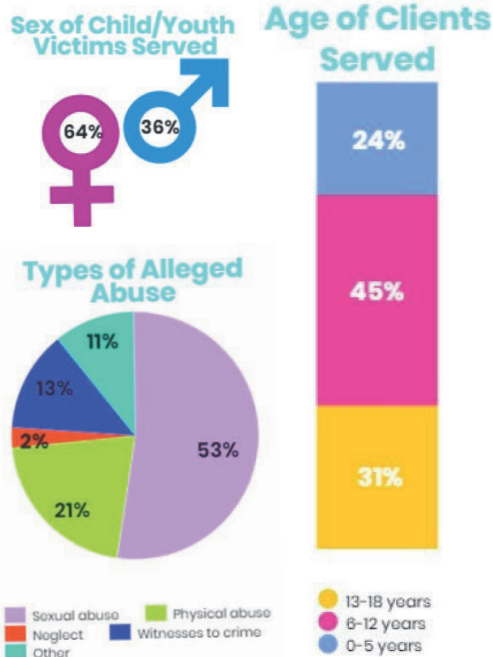
Please call 519-995-3974 or email info@wecyac.ca to make a donation or support our upcoming fundraisers.

January 2020 - Content Processing Centre is collecting electronics with proceeds from recycled material to be donated to WECYAC.

January - April 2020 WECYAC is collecting new/gently used purses, wallets, sunglasses and new perfume/cologne for the April 2020 Ladies New To You Fundraiser.

Visit www.wecyac.ca for more information.

THIS Quarter



New

WECYAC Advocate & Trainer

In November WECYAC welcomed Paul Przytocki to the Team as the Advocate & Trainer for Rural Windsor Essex. Paul's role is to research the unique cultures represented in our rural community and develop/provide training for our community partners working directly with these populations. Windsor Essex needs to know how to best support individuals when responding to reports of child physical/sexual abuse. How can we enforce Canadian law to keep children safe, while being culturally competent - Paul is conducting the research and working with our community partners to assist with this project.

WECYAC Thanks You!

Fundraisers



"Together For The Kids"
Thiessen Apple Orchard



"Together For The Kids"
Allsop Farms Pumpkins & More



Trick Or Treat Event
Tecumseh Mall



Harvest Mixer
Walkerville Eatery



Gift Wrapping
Tecumseh Mall

Sponsor Recognition

