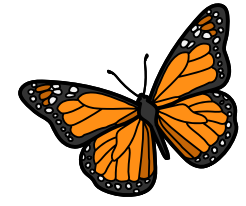




Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre



NEWSLETTER



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

What is Online Exploitation?

Online child sexual exploitation is when children are tricked into seeing or taking part in sexual content online. This can happen with people of any age, including someone your own age, and it is always illegal.

It includes things like grooming, sexting, sextortion, distribution of sexual images and videos, exposure to pornography, etc

It's never OK for someone to make you uncomfortable. If someone is doing things that make you feel uncomfortable, scare you or if someone tries to force you to do something, you could be experiencing sexual exploitation and abuse.

Did You Know?

Nearly half of children aged 9-16 regularly see sexual images online

What is Sexual Exploitation and Abuse?

It's considered sexual exploitation or abuse if someone:

- encourages you to do sexual things that make you uncomfortable
- sends you unwanted nude photos or flashes you on webcam
- asks sexual questions about you or makes inappropriate sexual comments
- exposes you to pornography without your consent
- encourages you to watch them do sexual things without your consent

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1 800 668 6868

Kids Help Phone

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Mission:

A community-based response focused on supporting victims of child/youth abuse through investigative and collaborative excellence.

If any of these things has happened to you in the past, or is happening to you now, it's important to listen to your instincts. Even if you feel like you're in a real relationship with the person who's making you feel this way, it's important to tell a safe adult such as a teacher, counsellor or parent/caregiver. You can always call Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 if you need to talk.

Types of online sexual exploitation and abuse

Grooming

Grooming is when someone tries to gain your trust in order to exploit you. They may use:

- Excessive Compliments
- lots of attention, affection, or kindness
- gifts or money

These may seem harmless, but if you're asked to keep them a secret or lie about them, that's a warning sign. If you feel uncomfortable or unsure about the person's behaviour, it's important to tell a safe adult such as a teacher, counsellor or parent/caregiver.

Sextortion:

Sextortion is when someone uses a sexual photo/video of you to blackmail or coerce you into doing what they want. For example, they may threaten to share a nude or semi-nude photo of you with your school or post it online unless you:

- give them money
- send more sexual photos/videos
- meet them in person

Sextortion, blackmail and all other forms of online sexual exploitation and abuse are illegal. Help is available and police take sextortion, blackmail and online sexual exploitation seriously.

Distribution of Intimate Images Without Consent:

Sometimes people share private photos in a relationship. But if the relationship ends, one person might share those photos to hurt or embarrass the other. This is also illegal and is a form of cyberbullying or abuse.

Exposure to sexual Content:

- When children or teens see sexual content too early, it can:
- Make them act out or copy what they see
- Lead to risky behaviours
- Confuse their ideas about relationships and body image
- Blur boundaries and increase the chance of being taken advantage of
- Affect healthy sexual development
- Raise the risk of health issues or harming others

How does viewing pornography affect youths and teens?

- Creates confusing expectations, attitudes, and beliefs about what to expect in healthy relationships.
- Give false ideas about sex and relationships
- Make sexual violence seem normal
- Reinforce harmful gender stereotypes
- Treat people like objects instead of human beings

Access to the digital world has expanded for children as young as 4 months

While 86% of 3-4 year olds have access to digital devices which pose risks

Did You Know?

The Average age of exposure to pornography is now 11 to 12 years old.

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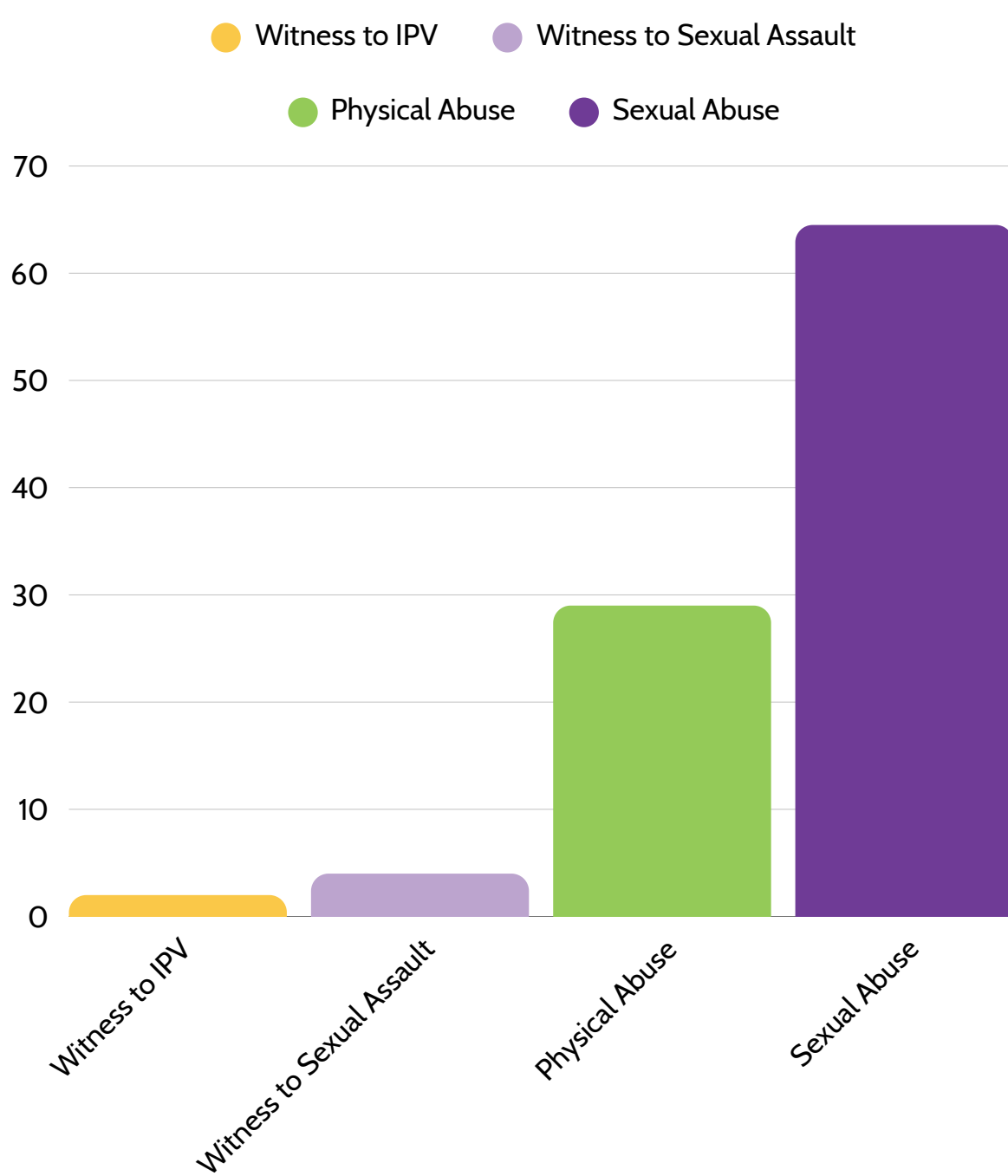
A safe, responsive environment providing advocacy and healing to children/youth victims of abuse.

This Quarter

Welcome!!

44 CHARGES LAID

Types of Abuse Investigated



Alycea Williams, CYC Advocate



Olivia Castro, BSW, RSW Youth System Navigator, HWOW



Brooke Castellan, BSW Student

Congratulations and farewell



Daniela Aguilar, Bachelors of Arts (Honours) Psychology



Alison Mitchell, CYC, BSW, RSW, MSW Student



Amal Sleiman, Paralegal, Honours Bachelor of Applied Arts in Social Justice & Legal Studies

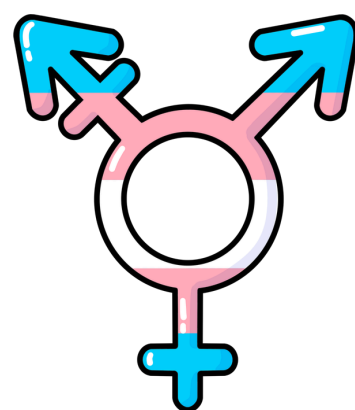
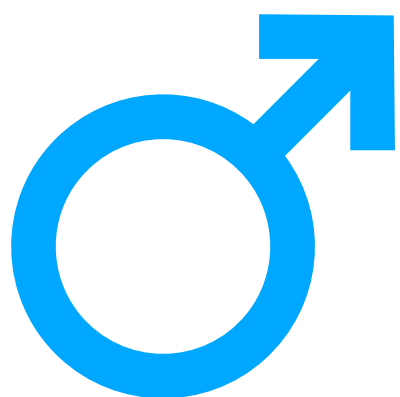
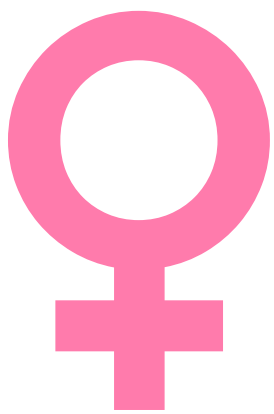
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33%

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Signature Partnership

Hub Without Walls (HWOw)



The Hub Without Walls (HWOw) is a collaborative model involving various agencies across Windsor Essex to prevent, respond, and support victims of gender-based violence (GBV). Steered by the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee of Windsor Essex County (VAWCCWE), Hiatus House, Sexual Assault Crisis Centre (SACC), and Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW), HWOw aims to ensure survivors of GBV receive seamless and coordinated support from interdisciplinary fields (e.g., healthcare, child welfare, legal, cultural, and community support organizations). Primary partners involved in the project also include: House of Sophrosyne, Victim Services, Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women (W5), Multicultural Council (MCC), the South Asian Centre (SAC) of Windsor, Women's Enterprise Skills Training (WEST), and WECYAC.

In collaboration with these agencies, WECYAC is proud to provide tailored and trauma-informed services to youth who have been affected by GBV specifically. Our Youth System Navigator provides direct one on one support to youth through referrals, on-going check ins, and community outreach initiatives.

For more information on the HWOw initiative, please visit: <https://www.vawccwe.ca/hwow>

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Community Events

WECYAC was pleased to have participated in the following community events:

CHC Community BBQs
Back to School Family Health Fair at Mic Mac Park



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WECYAC would like to acknowledge the Windsor Quilter's Guild and share our appreciation for their generous donations of hand made quilts throughout the year. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve and helps us continue fulfilling our mission



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