



COYO 2018 – Promising Practices

Hamilton's Youth at Risk Development Program (YARD) - Gillian Momanyi & Marvin Watson

Gillian and Marvin will present Hamilton's Youth at Risk Development Program (YARD), a community-based program that supports youth engaged in risky behaviours to make positive changes in their lives. They will provide program overview and statistical/evaluation data, the risk level of our YARD participants and how we identify, some of the successes engaging and programming with high risk youth in a voluntary program and taking a look at some Case Studies of actual program participants.

Building & Understanding Resilience & Strength Together - Paul Charette & Anna Maria Barsanti

Every young person has the potential to experience a low sense of self, disengagement, or make choices that could have serious consequences. B.U.R.S.T. Youth Leadership Camp was created for a group of youth some may consider 'high risk' through behaviours in the school system, the judicial system, and/or one of the youth services agencies. With the assistance of the caring adults in those systems the youth are selected to attend the camp free of charge. The facilitators see the youth through a lens as 'youth of promise'. The program is strength-based and focuses on building resiliency resources for the young people attending. Healthy relationships with caring adults are at the core of B.U.R.S.T.

Healthy Relationship and Systems in a Digital World and Safe S.P.A.C.E. (Students and Partners Against Cyberviolence Everywhere) - Sarah Rogers

The Program Director of Victim Services Toronto will discuss current trends in cyberviolence, the partnership project Healthy Relationship and Systems in a Digital World and Safe S.P.A.C.E. (Students and Partners Against Cyberviolence Everywhere). The cross sectoral collaborative approach to develop practical tools for Principals to effectively identify and respond to cyberviolence will be discussed along with social media youth initiatives to promote digital leadership that foster student well-being and a positive school community.

Halton Youth Justice Program - Ilana Greene & D/Cst. Shawn Thomas

In keeping with Youth Criminal Justice guide lines, The Halton Regional Police Service established the Halton Youth Justice Program to promote and foster a healthy community by providing timely and effective intervention with at-risk youth. It is designed to deal with youth in conflict with the law and holds youth accountable for their actions while offering opportunities for them to deal with the underlying issues contributing to their criminal behaviour. During this session, delegates will be informed on the criteria for Youth Diversion and how the Diversion program is administered.

Introduction to Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) – Joseph Versace

The presentation will look at the increasing use of VPN technologies especially around youth and look at how their use impedes a law enforcement response to cyber bullying, sextortion and other youth on youth internet related crime. We will look at the negatives and positives of VPN use, examining some of the more popular VPN applications. Statistics on VPN use in relation to the dissemination of Child Abuse Material will also be provided.

Safe School Ambassador Team (TCDSB) – Paula Reis & Amana Fiume-Kaschak

The Toronto Catholic District School Board's Safe Schools Student Ambassador Teams (SSAT) are comprised of a dedicated group of secondary students who have shown interest in promoting Safe and Accepting Schools initiatives. Ambassadors receive training from social workers, advisors, educators and guest speakers. These training sessions often inspire discussions that serve as a catalyst for projects, plans and strategies that ambassadors and their respective staff mentor(s) can share with their Safe and Accepting Schools Teams to help support priorities established for the school year.

