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Dear Educator,

I am excited to invite your students and staff to attend [OneChild's](#) inaugural **2023 Youth Day on May 3, 2023**, the FIRST-ever conference on the sexual exploitation of children (SEC), organized by *youth, for youth* and focused on taking action!

Curated and led by OneChild's [Youth Advisory Squad and alumni](#) (student leaders aged 14-17) and our Youth Empowerment Coordinators. This FREE, all-day, virtual event (Zoom webinar) will educate students on the realities of SEC in Canada, its impact on their generation, root causes, how to detect signs of SEC and get support, how to protect themselves and their friends and family, and how they can use their passion, energy and dynamism to make a difference in their schools, communities and beyond.

Students will hear from a roster of diverse and distinguished speakers, including survivors of SEC, a reformed trafficker and anti-trafficking activist, cyber safety experts, as well as youth leaders. One of the esteemed speakers is [Carol Todd](#), mother of the late [Amanda Todd](#), a Canadian teen who died by suicide after being sextorted and cyberbullied. [Armand King](#), a San-Diego based reformed trafficker, now anti-trafficking activist, and Founder of [Paving Great Futures](#), is also sharing his life story to illustrate how systems of oppression such as racism and sexism influenced him to go down a toxic path as a child and that included exploiting his peers. These conversations will be facilitated by youth leaders.

Youth Day is specifically designed for youth ages 14-18 who are interested in social justice and leadership. We invite you to register your student clubs, and/or delegations of student leaders; however, classes, and school and Board staff are also welcome to join.

Youth Day is a pre-event to the [Canadian Sexual Exploitation Summit \(CSES\) May 4- 5](#), hosted by [Defend Dignity](#), a gathering of over 50 expert speakers who will be discussing the latest research, innovative strategies, and lessons to help leaders from every sector, including the education sector, in the fight against SEC.

When you register, a FREE life-time subscription to age-appropriate sessions from the CSES will be offered to you to share with students to further develop their understanding of SEC, if interested. Join OneChild and our partner Defend Dignity, an organization committed to ending sexual exploitation, for a powerful and historical Youth Day.

To ensure that Youth Day is a positive experience for students and staff, we will put safeguards in place by providing content warnings and having counselors specializing in complex trauma and caseworkers available throughout the day. We encourage your support staff to also attend.

**Registration for Youth Day closes on May 1, 2023.**

Visit [www.sexualexploitationsummit.ca](http://www.sexualexploitationsummit.ca) to register and for more information including the full agenda. Post-registration, a link from Whova, the hosting web platform, will be sent to you directly and you will be responsible for using this link for your classroom/group vs an individual basis. Using Whova you will be able to access the full agenda, bios, and pictures of all presenters.

At OneChild, we believe that young people have the right and civic responsibility to be agents of positive change on issues that affect them. By attending Youth Day 2023, your students will leave feeling equipped with the knowledge, empathy, and ideas to protect themselves and their communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope you can join us for this ground-breaking day of learning, inspiration, and action. Please let me know via [info@onechild.ca](mailto:info@onechild.ca) if you have any questions.

In Solidarity,

Cheryl Perera, O.Ont

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