

## Why Enroll in A CWWA Program?

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE!*

*THERE IS SOMEONE  
WHO CAN HELP!*

*Over 500,000 Canadian homes live with domestic violence. The effects of exposure to violence in relationships can follow a child and youth from home to school, and to the larger community.*

*Children's exposure to the abuse of their mother significantly disrupts their academic, social and emotional development.*



*Prevention and early  
intervention programs are  
critical*

## How Can You Get Involved?

The BC Yukon Society of Transition Houses currently coordinates several CWWA programs in various regions of BC and the Yukon, including Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, The Kootenays, Okanagan, Cariboo, Northern BC, and the Yukon Territories

*For further information on these programs,  
contact your local CWWA program:*

**OR:**

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## Children Who Witness Abuse (CWWA) Program



For Children and  
Youth Exposed  
to Domestic  
Violence

*BC Yukon Society of  
Transition Houses*

# CWWA Program



The Children Who Witness Abuse program is an intervention/prevention program created by the BC Yukon Society of Transition Houses to address the needs of children and youth who have been exposed to domestic violence.

The program is available to children and youth ages 3-18 who have been exposed to domestic violence.

## CWWA Program Purpose:

- To support children and youth and help them learn new skills
- To promote attitude and behavior change in ways that will help the child or youth feel safe and better able to succeed socially and academically

## CWWA Program Goals:

- To provide a safe and playful setting for children and youth ages 3-18 within which to discuss their trauma and learn to manage their response to their exposure to domestic violence
- To directly help children and youth exposed to violence in relationships
- To develop parental awareness of how domestic violence affects their children
- To interrupt, break the cycle of intergenerational violence
- To raise community awareness through violence prevention education and the Violence Is Preventable Project



**CWWA PROGRAMS ARE  
FREE OF COST**

## CWWA Services Will Help Children and Youth to:

- Express feelings in a healthy way
- Understand that they are not responsible for the violence
- Develop a safety plan
- Identify support networks
- Identify cycles of violence
- Recognize their strengths and increase their self confidence

## CWWA Services Available:

- Are FREE
- Confidentiality is maintained at all times
- Individual and Group Counselling for children and youth
- Individual and group support for caregivers
- School based educational activities designed to prevent violence
- Presentations to the community on the effects of exposure to domestic violence.