



EAST PRESTON FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTRE

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

July Issue: Sexual Exploitation of Youth



Realities and Impacts

It's sexual exploitation when someone coerces, lures or involves a child or youth in a sexual act, including pornography. It may be in exchange for something—money, drugs, shelter, food, protection, transportation, or to fulfill emotional needs.

When a young person is being sexually exploited by a third party for profit, that's human trafficking. Often the third party is called a pimp, trafficker, or boyfriend. Or sometimes, it might be a peer.

While pop culture may lead young people to believe that the sex trade is glamorous, the realities are very different. Youth who are exploited in the sex trade:



Harm their Physical and Mental Health



Are forced to engage in the sex trade and have very little money of their own.
(Money goes to Pimp/Boyfriend)



Will encounter frequent physical and sexual violence



Are forced to engage in sexual acts in unsafe locations.

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Community Resources

People who have been sexually exploited are not just victims. Healing is possible. Surrounding a young person with non-judgmental, consistent supports can help to build up their confidence and resiliency. Below are some resources available for youth who are being sexually exploited, their families and service providers.

Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline

If you are a victim/survivor or believe someone else might be, call the hotline at **1-833-900-1010**.



Girls Action against Trafficking and Exploitation (GATE)

GATE is a program that provides wrap-around support and preventative service for female-identifying young people aged 12-24 who are at-risk of, are currently, or are survivors of sexual exploitation/trafficking in **Rural Nova Scotia**.

To learn more: gate.efry@gmail.com

GATE Outreach Line: **1-833-625-GATE (4283)**

Nova Scotia Transition and Advocacy for Youth (NSTAY)

NSTAY, a program of YWCA Halifax, provides youth who are being sexually exploited/trafficked with wraparound support and connects them with the services they need.

Youth of any gender between the ages of 13 and 24.

Visit - <https://www.ywcahalifax.com/programs/nstay/>

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CREATING COMMUNITIES OF CARE



Our Focus

- Creating new spaces and programs that prioritize African Nova Scotian and Indigenous women, and gender diverse people, navigating the criminal justice system
- Leading workshops, cultural gatherings, discussion spaces, art-making, & relevant public educations
- Working in partnership with community organizations to best support African Nova Scotian & Indigenous women impacted by intimate partner and gender based violence

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