

THE R.S.V.P. PROGRAM

FOR TEENS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE IN
A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

If you or someone you know is being verbally, emotionally or physically harmed in a personal relationship, this group may be able to help you. Please call for more information. Help is available.

Call Pearl Rimer at (416) 515-1100 ext. 230 to find out more about the group or to learn about how you can join.
Attendance in the program is free.

What Is The R.S.V.P. Program?

The Relationship Skills Violence Prevention Program (R.S.V.P.) is a group program at Toronto Child Abuse Centre for teen girls who have experienced or who are at risk of experiencing violence in their personal relationships. The R.S.V.P. Program provides support to teen girls through a 12 week group designed to teach skills to prevent violence. Group members will learn skills needed to form healthy, non-abusive relationships.

Who Is It For?

The R.S.V.P. program is available to girls between the ages of 12-17 years who have experienced violence in a personal relationship or who are at risk of becoming involved in a violent relationship. All teens referred to the program will be interviewed to determine eligibility.

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Groups will meet one night a week for 12 weeks. Dinner will be served at the beginning of group each week.

All children have a right to a safe, nurturing environment in which to grow to their full potential, free from violence, abuse and neglect. It is a shared responsibility to ensure that these conditions are fulfilled.

WHAT WE DO

PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Training and support in child abuse prevention, recognition and intervention for people working with children ("Making a Difference: The Community Responds to Child Abuse" program)
- Provide children with the skills, knowledge and abilities that will make them less vulnerable to abusive situations ("I'm a Great Kid" video and activities manual)

CRISIS SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Provides immediate support to children and families who are struggling with recently disclosed sexual abuse
- Parent and mothers group for non-offending parents/caregivers
- Sibling group to support the siblings of children who have been abused
- Offender treatment program (two year program)

CHILD VICTIM WITNESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Individual or Group preparation for children who will be testifying in court either because they have witnessed a crime or because they have been a victim of a crime
- Support groups for non-offending parents
- Court Watch Program, monitoring and improving the situation for child witnesses

COORDINATION AND SUPPORT

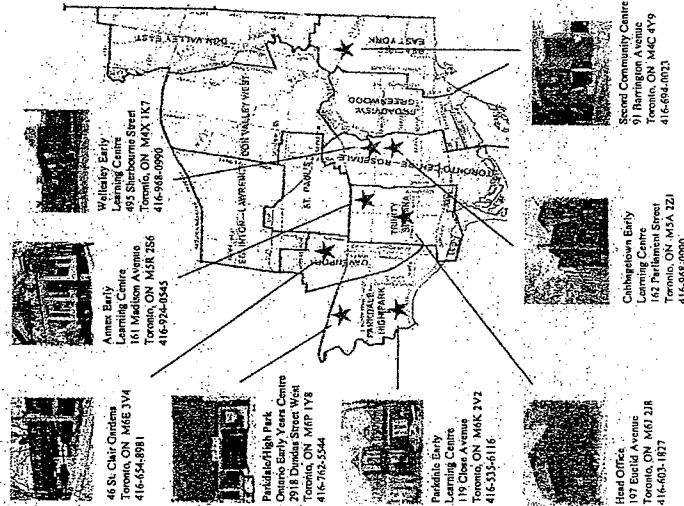
- Development and implementation of protocols that minimize additional trauma to children who have been abused
- Provide training and support to the systems responsible for responding to child abuse including Police, Child Welfare, Education and Crown Attorneys

We need your support to help us to continue these important programs.

Child Development Institute offer a range of services designed to meet the needs of your child and family including:

- Individual, family and group counselling
- Parent support and education
- Therapeutic/recreational groups, residential treatment services (boys only) and a summer day camp for children (aged 6 - 12) with severe behaviour problems
- Services for children under the age of 12 who commit offenses
- Specialized classrooms and other school-based services including social skills groups for children
- Portuguese, Chinese and Spanish counselling services
- Services for families recovering from substance abuse or those who have experienced child abuse or woman abuse
- Speech and language assessment and treatment
- Consultation and support for child care centres working with children with special needs
- Licensed child care centres in the Annex, Cabbagetown, Parkdale and St. Jamestown and Family Support Programs, including drop-in and registration-required programs in several communities

Child Development Institute is a community agency serving children aged 0 - 12 and their families in Toronto. We were formed through the recent merger of The Crèche Child and Family Centre and EarlsCourt Child and Family Centre, two community agencies serving families of pre-school and school-aged children, respectively, for over 90 years.



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Calendar of Activities

Programs Offered between July and December 2011

Groups for Women

- The Self-Confident Woman
- Demystifying Anger

Groups for Men

- Choosing To Change
- Being a Dad
- Men and Anger

Groups for Abused Women and their Children

- Safe To Share: Women's Support Group
- Understanding Abuse
- Here To Help

New Beginnings

- New Beginnings provides Parish Support Groups, Bereavement Groups, Mini Renewals and Retreat Weekends.

Groups for Families and Individuals Experiencing Separation or Divorce.

- Living With Separation and Divorce
- Because Kids Are Worth It!

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