

FASTFACTS

NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION AND INDIGENOUS POLICING SERVICES

March 2021

National Youth Services

RCMPTalks on Reconciliation – April 21, 2021

LAST CALL - Seeking interest from classrooms across the country to participate in the April 21, 2021, RCMPTalks session on Reconciliation. This session will be offered in English Only. This initiative aims to educate youth, give them a sense of empowerment, and encourage them to get engaged in their schools and in their communities.

To obtain more information or register please contact:
RCMP.Youth-Jeunesse.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Supporting Our Children and Youth

- Cst. Kelly Mcquade has created an organization called Northern Beginnings. This organization is through donations only; its primary objective is to support Nunavut infants, children, and new moms in need by giving them essentials, as supplies are very limited and extremely expensive in the North. To learn more please visit [Northern Beginnings](#).

Special Dates

- **March 1, 2021** – [St. David's Day](#)
- **March 8, 2021** – [International Women's Day](#)
- **March 14, 2021** – [Commonwealth Day](#)
- **March 17, 2021** – [St. Patrick's Day](#)

** Only a select few dates are listed above. This list does not encompass all of the upcoming dates that merit recognition.

Virtual Events

- **March 16, 2021** – [Autism and the LGBTQIA+ Community training](#) will discuss research regarding the relationship between autism spectrum disorder (ASD), diversity in gender, and diversity in sexual orientation.
- **March 17, 2021**- [A Youth Suicide Prevention in the Texting Environment Webinar](#) presents mental health professionals and educators to discuss about how texting can deter and prevent suicide among youth.
- **March 18, 2021** - ["Sex, Lies & Media" Training](#) helps parents, teachers, and those working with youth learn about how predators and recruiters can approach innocent youth online through social media.
- **March 18, 2021** – [Youth Mental Health First Aid Course](#) aims to teach those who work with youth how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorder.
- **March 23, 2021** – [A Trauma and Its Impact Workshop](#) provides an overview and best-practice strategies to support people with trauma histories.

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Funds and Grants

- [#RisingYouth](#) is a program to help youth build Canada and develop life skills by giving back to their communities through community service. The program is currently funded to offer grants to youth through March 2021.
- [The RCMP Family Violence Initiative Fund](#) is seeking applications until March 31, 2021. This fund helps RCMP front-line officers and community partners to promote awareness of relationship and family violence, assist victims of family and relationship violence, support RCMP crime prevention programs, and foster crime prevention in Indigenous communities.

In the News

- Never before in history of this country have [more people died from drug overdoses](#). An infectious disease doctor, Dr. Mark Tyndall, states the toxic drug supply is being fueled by the pandemic.
- [Cybertip.ca](#) reports [sextortion](#) is on the rise in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Go Public](#) has found hundreds of websites selling illicit edibles with packages designed to look like all types of well-known candy and chocolate bars, such as Sour Patch Kids, Pop Tarts, Snickers chocolate bars and more.
- Kids Help Phone and other resources that help young people with mental health say the pandemic is driving more young people to [seek mental health help](#), some involving suicide attempts and self-harm.

Virtual Educational Resources

- [NeedHelpNow.ca](#) offers guidance on the removal of pictures from the internet, dealing with subsequent cyberbullying from peers, understanding the laws in Canada around these cases, and seeking emotional support.
- The Canadian Centre for Child Protection provides [child sexual abuse prevention lessons](#) for kindergarten to Grade 8 students. These lessons address consent, boundaries, and healthy/safe relationships, and safety considerations for electronic devices.
- The OHL's Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds have created [The Hounds Handouts program](#), which provides hockey themed educational worksheets for youth. Handouts include math, spelling and grammar worksheets, word searches and crosswords, colouring sheets and other fun activity sheets.

Support Services

- [Kids Help Phone](#) – 1-800-668-6868
 - [Indigenous Help](#) – 1-855-554-4325
 - [Text](#) – 686868
- [Black Youth Helpline](#) – 1-833-294-8650
- [Hope For Wellness Line](#) – 1-855-242-3310 or use their chat function
- [Sexual Assault Txt Line](#) – Text HOME to 741741