

Family Services of the North Shore

SAFER PLACES for TEENS



Safer Places for Teens is an innovative partnership combining the internationally-acclaimed SafeTeen violence prevention model with Family Services of the North Shore (FSNS) clinical counselling and community outreach expertise. SafeTeen and FSNS will work in partnership to ensure that the North Shore youth and parents have access to and benefit from the SafeTeen violence prevention and empowerment skills both in schools and in the community.

Safer Places for Teens will also provide an essential link to FSNS specialized counselling and victim support in the case of teen disclosures of all forms of violence or abuse. The program will increase protective factors among North Shore teens by building assertiveness, healthy self-esteem, problem solving efficacy, and the verbal/non-verbal communication skills that will equip them to manage peer/dating pressure, while preventing victimization and aggressive behaviour from occurring.

Safer Places for Teens will enhance parents' ability to help their teens make healthy choices about relationships, personal safety, as well as drug and alcohol use, while increasing parent capacity to support teens who have been victimized to seek help, report incidents of violence, abuse and assault, and to feel empowered while participating in alternative/restorative justice processes, or as witnesses in court.

Schools will also gain support in creating learning environments with a clear commitment to preventing sexual/physical harassment, violence and assault, as well as the resources to bridge teen victims to specialized counselling and victim assistance.

Family Services of the North Shore and SafeTeen partnership reflects our commitment to prevention as well as youth having access to supports that will help them heal if they have already been victimized.

If you or your family are experiencing these or other problems...CALL US at 604-988-5281.

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