

Youth-Friendly North Shore

RESOURCE:

Addressing Youth Sexual Harassment
and Gender-Based Violence



About This Resource

Gender-based violence exists along a continuum, ranging from behaviours like catcalling, stalking, and non-consensual photo sharing to more overt and physical acts such as sexual harassment and assault.

When youth disclose experiences of sexual or gender-based violence, it is important to support them by discussing local resources and making appropriate referrals. Knowing how and where to refer them for the right support at these critical moments can significantly impact their journey as they navigate the system after the incident.

This resource summarizes the local resources shared at the YFNS Community of Practice held in February 2025.

Building Understanding

- Navigating consent can be a confusing experience in adolescence. The [“Tea is Consent” video by Blue Seat Studios](#) is a helpful resource often shared in schools to introduce the concept of consent and spark discussions with youth.
- Right to Be YOUth offers free training for bystanders on how to intervene safely and effectively when a youth discloses harassment or experiences of gender-based violence. Their training, based on the 5Ds of Bystander Intervention—Distract, Delay, Delegate, Document, and Direct— can be accessed [here](#).

Services Available on the North Shore

1 | Sexual Assault Response Program (SARP) – Family Services of the North Shore

SARP support workers and counselors help individuals navigate the complex systems related to sexual violence by providing emotional support and crisis intervention. They assist with safety planning, hospital accompaniment, police reporting, and navigating the criminal justice system. Find the full range of services offered under SARP [here](#).

24/7 Support Helpline: 604-924-7676

2 | Victim Support Services – Hollyburn Community Services Society

Hollyburn’s community-based Victim Support Services assist individuals affected by intimate partner violence, family violence, and sexual violence. They offer emotional support and referrals to community resources, including housing, food security, legal information, counselling, and employment support. Find the complete list of services they offer [here](#).

Direct referral line: 778-855-4566

3 | Forensic Nursing Services – Lions Gate Hospital (LGH)

LGH provides medical care and collects forensic evidence for individuals who have experienced sexual assault or gender-based violence through the LGH Emergency Department. They offer patient-centered services to individuals aged 13 and above. Find the complete list of their services offered [here](#).

4 | Youth Programming – North Shore Women’s Centre (NSWC)

NSWC offers a wide range of programs and harassment prevention training for self-identified girls and gender-diverse youth including Flip the Script, Safe Dates, and Empowerment groups. Find the complete list of youth programming offered by NSWC [here](#).

Additional Provincial Support

- [24-Hour Rape Crisis Line](#): (604) 872-8212
- [Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre](#): 604-255-6344 or 1-877-392-7583
- [Battered Women’s Support Services Crisis Line](#): 1-855-687-1868
- [Youth Against Violence Line](#): 1-800-680-4264
- [WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre](#): (604) 255-6228 ext. 222
- [Kids Help Phone](#): 1-800-668-6868
- [Mental Health Crisis Line](#): 310-6789
- [1 800 SUICIDE](#): 1 (800) 784-2433
- [VictimLink BC](#): 1-800-563-0808
- [Police-Based Victim Services](#): (604) 885-5554
- [Community-Based Victim Services](#): (604) 885-0322
- [BC 24/7 Community and Social Services Helpline](#): 211
- [Healthlink BC](#): 811