

# CHILDREN OF THE STREET SOCIETY

## TCO<sup>2</sup>: Taking Care of Ourselves & Taking Care of Others

Children of the Street Society's "Taking Care of Ourselves & Taking Care of Others," or TCO<sup>2</sup> Youth Workshop has been empowering students with knowledge on the issue of sexual exploitation and tools for healthy, safe relationships for the past 15 years now. Our highly skilled and personable Workshop Facilitators come to the society from diverse academic and professional backgrounds and have a unique ability to address challenging content with youth, while maintaining a fun workshop environment.

Through the use of various communication tools such as **skits, monologues, multimedia, games and discussion**, facilitators engage students as young as the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade in a powerful, yet appropriate, conversation about **sexual exploitation, online safety and healthy relationships and self esteem**. The workshop explores these concepts through 3 main themes: **recognizing vulnerability, the misuse AND positive uses of power and determining safe boundaries**. Workshops are generally 1 hour, including time for questions, answers and resource information.



### Grade 6/7 Workshop Features:

In elementary grade workshops, TCO<sup>2</sup> aims to develop a comprehensive understanding of safe online behavior and ensure that students fully grasp the permanency of online choices and the way that information sharing can create vulnerability. With an increasing number of incidences of sexual exploitation being facilitated online, our workshops empower youth to make healthy online choices in order to protect themselves from sexual exploitation and promote healthy choices among their peers.

Another central focus for our younger groups is to identify comfortable boundaries and promote healthy relationships. We have found that by providing youth with tangible examples and facilitating a discussion on this topic at young age, youth are more confident in making healthy relationship choices and setting safe boundaries in the future. This workshop is intended to set a foundation for more in-depth conversations about sexual exploitation in future grade levels.

### To book a workshop, please complete one of the following steps:

- » Fill out the attached booking form and fax (604 525 0024) to Children of the Street Society;
- » Email Larissa Maxwell, Program Coordinator at [lm Maxwell@childrenofthestreet.com](mailto:lm Maxwell@childrenofthestreet.com);
- » Call Larissa Maxwell at 604-939-6055; or
- » Complete an online booking request form at <http://www.childrenofthestreet.com/booking-request.html>