

CHILDREN OF THE STREET SOCIETY

TCO²: Taking Care of Ourselves & Taking Care of Others

Children of the Street Society's "Taking Care of Ourselves & Taking Care of Others," or TCO² 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 and discussion**, facilitators engage students from **grades 8-12** in a powerful and real conversation about **sexual exploitation, sex trade recruitment, exploiters, deglamourizing the sex trade, the role of drugs and alcohol in exploitation, self exploitation online, the role of gangs in sexual exploitation, healthy relationships and self worth**. The workshop explores these concepts through 3 main themes: **recognizing vulnerability, the misuse AND positive uses of power and eliminating barriers for exploited youth**. Workshops are generally 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions, answers and resource information.



Grades 8-12 Workshop Features:

In middle and high school workshops, TCO² aims to have a more in-depth and social justice focused conversation about sexual exploitation to empower critical thinking in older youth. While continuing to use role plays and monologues to communicate ideas, the facilitators will also be employing the use of multimedia technology as a catalyst for discussion. As the online world is central to youth culture and socialization, the risk of exploitation in this environment has become

undeniable. By using the same technologies within the workshop, the facilitators are able to explore frank realities about technology and encourage youth to think critically.

Facilitators will be examining with students the link between gang culture and sexual exploitation. This discussion will move beyond drawing parallels between sex trade and gang recruitment strategies, to address the realistic risks of sexual exploitation of females involved in gang environments.

Lastly, with older participants TCO² facilitators will challenge male students to think about their role as boys and young men in society, and encourage young males to resist becoming exploiters and fueling the demand of the sex industry.

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;**
- » **Call Larissa Maxwell at 604-939-6055; or**
- » **Complete an online booking request form at <http://www.childrenofthestreet.com/booking-request.html>**