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Building Safety and Resilience

Human trafficking is a global issue affecting millions of people—children and youth are among the most vulnerable. Traffickers often target young people through social media, gaming platforms, and even by pretending to offer friendship, romance, or acceptance. There is an urgent need to address the vulnerability of children to human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse. As children and youth ministry workers we have a calling to help build safety and resilience in the lives of young people.

In Canada, we know that:

- The average age of entry into the sex industry is between 12 and 14 years old. (Source: Joy Smith Foundation.)
- In 2019 and 2020, 51% of girls who were trafficked in Canada had been or were currently in the child welfare system. (Source: [The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking's report, Human Trafficking Trends in Canada \(2019-2020\).](#))
- Between 2014 and 2022, police reported: 15,630 online sexual offenses against children, 45,816 incidents of online child pornography, and 11,971 incidents of online luring, which accounts for 75% of online sexual offences against children. (Source: Statistics Canada.)

Our Response: The Territorial Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Committee, has partnered with Canada Bermuda Youth, the Territorial Communications Department, and individuals from our territory and two territories in the United States, to create awareness and prevention resources for children, teens and those who work with them.



Shine is a 5-lesson curriculum for children between the ages of 7 and 10 years. It strives to help participants choose safe and trusting adults; to identify safe spaces; to safely identify and share their emotions; to set safe boundaries; and to shine safely by recognizing the effects of negative words and actions and to replace them with positive affirmations. Lessons use fun and engaging age-appropriate teaching and activities to build confidence, safety awareness and resilience in children so they can shine.

Download from Salvationist.ca/human-trafficking/shine/



Step Up For Justice is a 4-part video series designed for teens and young adults. It explores the prevalence of human trafficking; the signs and methods of recruitment; challenges them to step up and take action; and encourages hope and resilience. Leaders and students discussion guides are available for both public school and faith-based groups. This series will encourage students to know more, and take action as they step up for justice.

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