

***PROVINCIAL STRATEGY TO PROTECT
CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE AND
EXPLOITATION ON THE INTERNET***

**National Victims of Crime Awareness Week
Federal Symposium
April 27, 2009
Ottawa, Ontario**

***“Protecting Our Most Valuable
Resource”***

Purpose

- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP)
- The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- The Ministry of the Attorney General

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To Develop a Multi-Disciplinary, Coordinated
Province-Wide approach to Combat Internet Crimes
Against Children

These crimes have no boundaries.....

The Internet facilitates increasing numbers who Abuse
and Exploit.....Why?

So.....Need to deal with it Together

Purpose

- Assist Child Victims of Internet Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Permit the Justice System to build the capacity and sustainability to:
 - ID Child Victims by Image Analysis
 - Provide Specialized Child Victim Support
 - ID and Prosecute Offenders – Prevents Re-victimization
 - Awareness Campaigns to help Self-Identification
 - Engage in Partnerships with Key Stakeholders to establish Community-Justice linkages

The Strategy

- This Integrated Model will Coordinate the increased Identification of Victims
- Provide Support Services to Victims of Child Internet Luring, Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Assist in Preventing the cycle of Recurring Victimization

The Strategy

- The Ontario Government said it is time to Eliminate Silo Policing in relation to these Crimes
- Develop a Coordinated Strategic plan between
 - Police Services
 - Crown Attorneys
 - Victim Support Services

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Key Components

- Identification of Victims & Providing Support
- Proactively Identify Victims to Prevent Re-victimization
- Expand this capacity through a Victim ID team

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A New Multi-Disciplinary Approach

*Police Services, Crown Attorneys and
the Ontario Victims Services
Secretariat will work together and
off the same page to Protect and
Support the Victims of these Crimes*

The Partners of this Unified Approach

- Provincial, Municipal and Regional Police
- Crown Prosecutors
- OVSS and Community Victim Service Providers
- Links to:
 - CBSA
 - RCMP – NCECC
 - Victims Advocacy Groups
 - Probation and Parole Services
 - Ministry of Education
 - Children’s Aid Societies
- Enhanced partner participation in the Extension

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Police Service Partners

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Guelph, Brantford, Waterloo, London,
Windsor, Barrie, Sault Ste. Marie,
Sudbury, Thunder Bay, OPP*

Now there is also a waiting list

Strategy Components

- **Provincial Coordination Unit**
- **Victim Identification / Background Analysis Team**
- **Online Undercover / Luring Team**
- **Peer to Peer Project**
- **Investigation Team**
- **Victim Education and Awareness Campaign**
- **Child Victims / Witness Support**
- **Crown Resources: Provincial Coordinator
Education Coordinator**
- **Ontario Police College Training**
- **Multi-Disciplinary Training Conferences**

Additional Components

- **Peer to Peer Project**
- **Child Victim Forensic Support Unit**

Success Story

Child Victim Identification Team quarterly meeting in Waterloo Ontario identifies two young girls

ICE Counselling Support Program

Eligibility for the ICE counselling program includes children/youth:

- Depicted in child pornography on the Internet
- Sexually assaulted or exploited via digital images or online (ie.via email, websites, chat-rooms, hidden cameras, discussion boards, text messages, cell phone cameras or webcams)
- Sexually assaulted when under 18 years of age by a person charged with a child pornography offence
- Living with, or accessed by, a parent or guardian charged with a child pornography offence
- Subjected to Internet luring or grooming

ICE Counselling Support Program

- Formal Rollout – July 2007
- Counselling program – for Ontario child/youth ICE survivors & their immediate family members
- Counselling resources - \$1500/survivor; \$800/family member
- 468 identified Ontario ICE survivors
- 151 survivors and eligible family were approved for the program

Ontario ICE Survivor Statistics

Year and Gender

Identified ICE Survivors	2006 - 07	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	TOTAL
Female	63	214	66	343
Male	18	64	33	115
Unknown	8	2	0	10
TOTAL	89	280	99*	468

*The decrease in numbers from 2007-08 to 2008-09 is reflective of limited time available to input survivor information vs. a decrease in the scope of the problem.

Victim Education & Awareness Campaign

- **Pivotal objective is Self-Identification of Victimization**
- **Child victims don't understand they have been victimized**
- **60% of child victims thought they were in love with the offender**
- **90% of child victim-offender meetings-a sex act took place**

Partnership with YTV

- **In 18 million homes across Canada**
- **Audience is 2-18 and their families**
- **Prime audience is 7-12**
- **YTV.com – over 1 million visitors**
- **Best choice to get the Educational and Awareness message out to the target audience in a short period of time**
- **TV media spots & The Cyber Safety Circuit game**

YTV Results

Media Spots4,015,000 viewers

The Game.....

- **50,649 users spent an avg. of 30.47 minutes. on the Tips page (Avg. is 5 minutes)**
- **27,581 users played The Game**
- **Click Rates exceeded industry averages by 3 – 5 times**

The Results

- **Enhanced Province-Wide provision of Victim Support**
- **Promotion of Multi-Disciplinary teamwork to ensure a coordinated response**
- **Publication of Arrests to increase Awareness**
- **Broaden partnerships with additional stakeholders, CBSA, P&P, M of Education**

The Results

- **Recognition as a National leader because of the Coordinated response**
- **Significant increase in arrests, charges and investigations**
- **Identified Victims**
- **100% support from JMT to continue The Strategy**

Strategy Statistics

	Period Ending Mar 31, 2008	Period 2006 - 2007	Present Increase
Investigations	2120	1112	91%
Charges	793	484	64%
Arrests	250	180	39%

Strategy Statistics

	Period Ending Mar 31, 2008	Period 2006 - 2007
Victims Identified		
Provincial	31	38
Assisted International	12	18
Provincial Counseling	21	2
Crime Stoppers CP Tips	153	
Referrals	1	

The Future

- **100% support from JMT to continue The Strategy**
- **Strategy Extension Treasury Board document completed and submitted for this year**
- **Enhancements were sought in several areas**
- **The timing is Right**
- **Capitalize on the Momentum and the Results**
- **Without it are we back to Silo Policing**
- **Too many negatives if we don't continue ***

Questions?



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