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## **Parents invited to information session to help keep children safe online**

WHITEHORSE—On February 23 the Government of Yukon and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection are hosting a public information session to share the latest information and resources on how parents can keep children and youth safe online.

"We recognize that many Yukoners may have questions about how to protect their children online," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "Parents are invited to attend a free information session to learn more about potential online dangers and ways to keep their loved ones safe."

Harmful online behaviours like cyberbullying have become a growing concern for parents and school personnel across Canada. In response, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection has developed new cyberbullying resources and tools for parents, youth and educators. Materials designed specifically for parents will be discussed and distributed at the information session.

"Young people are facing new risks online every day—from cyberbullying by their peers to extortion by adults," Canadian Centre for Child Protection executive director Lianna McDonald said. "We're working to ensure that parents and educators have access to the resources they need when addressing the collision between technology, bullying and sexual victimization."

The Yukon government has partnered with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection since 2012 to bring their nationally renowned education resources to Yukon. This year, in recognition of Safer Internet Day and to coincide with the parent information session, schools have been provided with the new cyberbullying resources along with a variety of age-specific materials that promote safe use of online technology and smart phones among children and youth.

"It is critical that parents and teachers have the tools to protect children in the ever-changing online world," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "The Yukon government is committed to making sure that both schools and families are encouraging the safe use of technology and teaching responsible online behaviours."

The parent information session will be held February 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Whitehorse Beringia Centre. The presentation is intended for parents with children in Grade 4 or higher and includes a panel discussion and question and answer period with representatives from Yukon RCMP, Bringing Youth Towards Equality (BYTE) and the departments of Education and Justice.

### **Learn more:**

Parent information session: Do you know how to keep your kids safe online?  
Safer Internet Day Resources and Tools

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