

## Combatting Online Sexual Exploitation Survey Results

(Workshop Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

### Session 1: PLEA – Keeping Kids Safe Online (Part 1)

*This workshop will explore the complex and evolving landscape of online sexual exploitation, with a focus on equipping participants with meaningful tools for prevention and response. Information on the many forms of sexual exploitation will be provided, including peer-to-peer, non-consensual image sharing, sextortion, and that which is linked to human trafficking. Special attention will be given to the influence of the “manosphere” and how risky online communication manifests among male youths. The workshop will introduce the term Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) as a more accurate and respectful alternative to “child pornography,” and discuss how AI is both a tool for generating and combating CSAM. The session will also cover popular platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat, Roblox, and Discord, highlighting how would-be abusers can infiltrate and access youth users of these digital spaces.*

### Session 2: PLEA – Keeping Kids Safe Online (Part 2)

*In addition to Part 1, a component of the session will include how to address these issues of exploitation with parents, especially those from culturally diverse backgrounds. Presenters will also provide guidance on talking to youth about healthy relationships, online safety, and how online exploitation can lead to in-person harm. Participants will leave with practical strategies to better support youth and respond effectively to this pervasive challenge.*

### Session 3: Burnaby RCMP Child Abuse Sexual Offences (CASO) Unit

*This session will be led by Constables Jon Pankratz and Joelle Kerridge, members of the Burnaby RCMP’s Child Abuse Sexual Offence (CASO) Unit. The presentation will introduce participants to CASO’s mandate and provide insight into current trends, including the evolving role of technology in facilitating harm. Attendees will gain an understanding of what happens when an incident is reported to police and highlight the importance of a trauma-informed response. Designed to be interactive, the presentation will conclude with a Q&A period.*

## Summarized Survey Results

### Question 1

#### How would you rate your overall experience at the event?

This question was a five-point Likert-scale question with the following response options for each respondent: **1. Excellent, 2. Very Good, 3. Ok, 4. Not Great, and 5. Poor.**

There were 29 total survey responses to this question:

21 respondents circled “1. Excellent” experience from the workshop.

7 respondents circled “2. Very Good” experience from the workshop.

1 respondent did not circle a response for this question.

Overall, this is a favourable outcome from the workshop. No respondents circled a response less than a 2. While we did not receive a survey from *all* attendees (there were roughly 40 total in attendance), those who did fill out a survey generally rated their experience as a good one.

### Question 2

#### What Did You Enjoy Most About the Event?

There were 26 written responses to this question out of a possible 29.

The biggest takeaway from the responses were that attendees enjoyed the quality of the presentations / presenters. Some attendees commended the quality of the slides while others found the speakers very engaging. Many attendees also enjoyed how open-ended the presentations were, allowing for Q&A and back-and-forth between the speakers and the audience.

Another key theme was the ability for attendees to connect with one another. One attendee said “It was great to have so many professionals from so many organizations with a common goal.” The table discussions and networking lunch were commonly brought up as catalysts for this connection among professionals.

Other miscellaneous comments commend the depth of the presentations, the resources shared, the food, and the “myth busting” component to the PLEA presentation.

## Question 3

### What Could We Improve On?

There were 21 responses to this question, but 7 of them were “N/A” or “Nothing.” Essentially there were 14 responses with substantive feedback.

Some key themes and items for improvement include:

- Bringing in more speakers for shorter presentations, especially from the social services frontline. Similar to shotgun or conference-style presentations.
- More discussion between participants and more breakout sessions. More networking opportunities or rotating conversations between tables.

Logistical improvements include:

- Less creaky and comfier chairs.
- Having a second microphone for audience members when asking questions.
- Pop and soda options for drinks. Gluten-free options for snacks (sandwiches were good).

## Question 4

### What are some future topics you'd like to see included in potential future workshops?

There were 18 responses to this question. Some key suggestions include:

1. A topic on navigating the legal system for victimized youth.
  - a. How to support those youth who do not get justice in court.
2. Gaps and realities in the justice system
  - a. More transparency about where the system can be improved
3. How to talk with parents and loved ones about online harms
  - a. Tools for talking with parents about online victimization
  - b. Teaching parents how to talk to their children
4. Youth gang-involvement and gang-related behaviour in Burnaby
  - a. Gang prevention – the signs and tells of gang involvement.
  - b. Online grooming overlapping with gang or group recruitment
5. Neuro-diverse individuals navigating the digital world