



women's support network
of york region

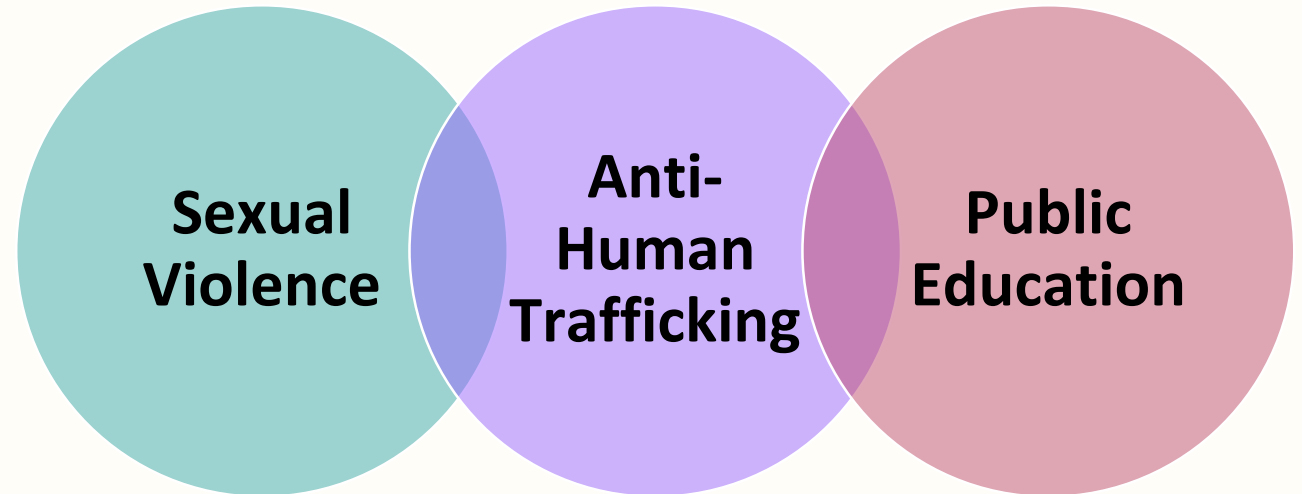
DEDICATED TO ERADICATING SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

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Who We Are

- **Women's Support Network (WSN)** is York Region's only sexual violence crisis centre.
- Est. in 1992
- Our mission is to *eradicate sexual violence.*



Sexual Violence & Human Trafficking

What is Sexual Violence?

- A broad term that describes any violence, physical or psychological, that violates the sexual integrity of a person or targets their sexuality.¹
- Unwanted sexual touching
- Sexual assault
- Rape
- Sexual harassment
- Online sexual harassment
- Voyeurism
- & more...

What is Sex (Human) Trafficking?

- Also a type of sexual violence, which falls under the umbrella of human trafficking. It is about the forced sexual exploitation of a person, and in York Region is targeted at youth.
- Escort services
- Massage parlours
- Bars and strip clubs
- Phone sex lines
- Internet chat rooms
- Forced prostitution

Sexual Violence in Canada

- Sexual violence costs Canadian society an estimated **\$4.8 billion/year**, compared to gun violence at \$3.1 billion/year²
- **1 in 3 women** will experience sexual violence in their lifetime³
- **1 in 6 men** will experience sexual violence in their lifetime⁴
- Sexual violence offences are among the most **under-reported** crimes in Canada – approximately **33 of every 1,000** sexual assaults is reported⁵
- The person causing harm is known to the victim in **82%** of sexual assaults⁶





- COUNSELLING SERVICES**
- *Rapid Response*
 - *Individual Counselling*
 - *Walk-In Counselling*



- PUBLIC EDUCATION**
- *Workshops*
 - *Service provider training*
 - *Resource development*



OUTREACH



**24/7 CRISIS
LINE SUPPORT**



**TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
MARCH & RALLY**



**GROUP
PROGRAMS**



- OTHER CLIENT SUPPORTS**
- *Hygiene items & basic needs*
 - *Housing subsidy*
 - *Referrals to other supports*



**ADVOCACY &
MEDIA RELATIONS**

Our Impact

- In 2018, **669 sexual assaults** were reported to York Regional Police⁷
↑ 6.4% from 2017⁸ and ↑ 64% from 2014⁹
- Last year alone, WSN:
 - Answered **2,466** calls to our 24 hour crisis lines
 - Provided counselling to **142** individuals
 - Delivered **95** group counselling sessions
 - Supported **51** individuals affected by commercial sexual exploitation
 - Presented to approximately **2,875** individuals through public education workshops
 - Distributed over **7,350** outreach materials to the York Region community



Please join us at Take Back the Night (TBTN)!

- A rally and protest held around the world to take a public stand against sexual and gender-based violence and reclaim our right to safety
- This year is York Region's 21st annual event in **Richmond Hill on September 20th**
- At TBTN, we:
 - RALLY
 - MARCH
 - CELEBRATE
 - HONOUR



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 2019

York Region's 21st Annual **TBTN** march and rally is **BACK!**
March · Empowering Speakers · Live Entertainment · Vigil

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

   @TBTNyorkregion

Thank You!

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24/7 Crisis Line: (905) 895-7313 / 1 (800) 263-6734

24/7 Human Trafficking Helpline: (905) 758-5285

<https://womenssupportnetwork.ca/>

End Notes

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