



### ***Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network's Mission:***

***To make youth violence prevention a priority issue in the community by increasing community awareness, engaging the community, and strengthening the networks of involved partners.***

For more details and resources, please visit the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Website at [www.voice4peelyouth.ca](http://www.voice4peelyouth.ca)

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## ***PYVVPN Notebook***

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### **PYVVPN New Website**

***www.voice4peelyouth.ca***

In March 2009, with the help of over 250 youth participating in focus group discussions across Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon, the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network (PYVVPN) launched a new network logo. Since then, collaboration between a consulting company, the Region of Peel secretariat, the network's steering committee, working groups and IMPACT youth group have resulted in the rebrand of the network's website.

A year in the making, the new logo and rebranded website are far more representative of the network, and provide the necessary tools to move forward with the mission.

The website will officially be launched on October 17, 2009 at IMPACT's youth event.

### **Uprooting Youth Violence**

***Update on Peel's response to the 'Roots of Youth Violence' Report.***

On June 17th, 2009, the PYVVPN hosted the "Uprooting Youth Violence" forum at the Peel Dufferin Catholic District School Board in Mississauga.

The objective of the forum was to raise awareness in the community about recommendations presented in the *Roots of Youth Violence* report. Keynote speaker Dr. Alvin Curling, one of the co-authors of the report, gave a summary of the report's recommendations and answered questions by the community members and agencies present.

Approximately 120 people were in attendance, one-third of which were young people.

Some of the main issues were lack of free and available facilities for youth activities, racism and exclusion, parent and family involvement, employment and training for youth, and the challenges in securing continuous and sustained funding for programs.

Highlights included meaningful presentations made by two students who attend alternative schools in Peel, and a vocal performance by a young lady from Peel, Kayla who was accompanied by George Toliias on the keyboard.

## **Member Highlights:**

Featuring information on participating agencies and partners.

### **Multi-cultural Calendar**

### **PYVPN Events – What’s up?**

**[www.connect2endviolence.ca](http://www.connect2endviolence.ca)**

### **City of Mississauga 2010 Grants**

## **Reports:**

### **2009 PYVPN Community Report**

### **Roots of Youth Violence Report**

### **Mississauga Youth Plan**

To find out more about the *Roots of Youth Violence* report and recommendations, read the **Executive Summary** of the report.

## **IMPACT on Appearances**



Some of our IMPACT members and facilitators pose for a photo earlier this year with Lucas (*3rd from right*) who was a guest at one of their meetings. Lucas is a stylist with **Donato Salon & Spa** in Square One, Mississauga. He came by to talk to the group about overall appearance, hair care options, and the importance of having a positive attitude.

**Looking good!**

## **Youth Can Move the World event**

### ***The VOICE of PYVPN is heard***

PYVPN was present at this year’s **“Youth Can Move The World Symposium”** at Mississauga Secondary School, February 26, 2009. The PYVPN community development worker and working group members answered questions and delivered information about the network. Some of the youth who attended expressed an interest in becoming participating members of the IMPACT youth advisory group.

Based in Peel, this group is focused on youth learning and getting involved in social, economic and environmental development. Youth Can Move The World is in its third year of hosting this free annual event, which is growing in popularity. They are already planning for the next symposium which is slated to be held in February 2010 and PYVPN looks forward to participating again.

## Are You On “The List”?

PYVPN keeps an ongoing inventory of all programs and agencies available to youth in Peel. If your organization would like to be added, please contact us.

### Next Issue:

- The Middle Years / Parenting program
- Alcohol, Drugs, and Addictions – where to get help

### Contact Us

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## PYVPN Working Groups



- *Community Development*
- *Family & Education*
- *Youth Services and Supports*  
*in collaboration with*  
*IMPACT Youth Advisory Group*

### **Member update: Two working groups join forces**

Our Education, Policy & Program working group has now merged with the Families working group. This change came about as the two working groups actively worked on their visions and plans, only to discover many similarities. The two groups recognized that more can be accomplished through a consolidated effort and agreed to merge. It is now called the Family & Education working group and members include community members, representatives from Associated Youth Services of Peel, City of Mississauga, City of Brampton, Peel District School Board, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Family Education Centre, Mississauga Watch, Ontario Works, Peel Health, and Rapport Youth Services.

## ONE ACT IMPACTS

Saturday October 17th, 2009

PYVPN's Youth Services & Supports and IMPACT group members have spent some time planning a fun community event at **Playdium** in Mississauga. The theme of the day, **ONE ACT IMPACTS**, is actually the tag line for the IMPACT youth advisory group. The objective of the event is to raise awareness of the Network's mission, the partner services, supports, learning opportunities available to youth in Peel, and how everyone can make a positive impact in the community. It is a great opportunity to bring families out for a day of 'play'!

Highlights of the day will include local radio and TV personalities, prize giveaways, live performances by youth, and motivational speakers. Food will be served at no cost and free bus transportation will be provided from designated pick up points in Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga.

*If you or any young people you know would like to join the IMPACT youth advisory group, please send us contact information including name, phone number, and e-mail address. Members are sent updates on meetings and activities.*

# IMPACT

PYVPN Youth Advisory Group

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