



COME TOGETHER.

October is Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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In 2009, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care introduced the Step Up campaign in the district of Thunder Bay. Since then, throughout October, residents, businesses and schools have continued to step up annually, to show their willingness to take responsibility for the safety, happiness and health of local children by participating in the Step Up community initiatives.

In support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, your school & classroom is invited to participate in the 2021 Step Up campaign.

This year the annual initiative is looking to amplify the voices of Indigenous youth and raise awareness about how we can all step up and ***Come Together*** to help keep children safe and strengthen families this October. By doing so we are helping children grow into strong individuals who will be capable of standing up for themselves and identify child abuse.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, CLASSES & STUDENTS CAN COME TOGETHER AND STEP UP THIS OCTOBER:

1. Participate in Go Purple for Prevention Day happening on October 27th.

Find your favourite purple outfit. Purple is the signature colour of child abuse prevention. Encourage your class to wear purple on Go Purple for Prevention Day. Students and teachers can commit to WEAR PURPLE on October 27th and even plan a purple walk or activity on school grounds, to mark Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Take a photo(s) of your class participating and submit it to: stepup@firedogpr.com.

All pictures will be featured on the Step Up social media feeds.

Share on your socials tagging:

 @StepUpThunderBay  stepup_tbay



2. Participate in the Step Up Scavenger Hunt. (Details attached)

3. Take a Step

A footprint will be available for children and to write/decorate what the community can do to step up and make them feel connected, safe and hopeful for their future. It is available for print here: dilco.com/stepup

Once all the footprints are complete classes are encouraged to post in a common area in the school such as a hallway, library or gymnasium. You are also encouraged to submit a photo or let us know how many footprints your school completed.

Send your photos to: stepup@firedogpr.com

We all share the responsibility to protect children from harm.

- It is everyone's duty to report a suspicion that a child may be abused, neglected or may be in need of protection.
- By stepping up, adults can help a child or give a family in crisis the help they need.
- Child abuse includes physical, emotional, sexual abuse and/or neglect. Become familiar with the signs of child abuse by visiting: www.dilco.com/child-welfare/report-abuse/
- It's important to remember that it's not up to individuals to determine if a child is experiencing abuse.

If you have concerns about a child, please call:

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

Toll Free: 1-855-623-8511 (807) 623-8511

Services for Indigenous families & children. (Emergency service 24 hours a day)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE STEP UP CAMPAIGN PLEASE CONTACT:

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