## Media Release

## THRIVE Child and Youth Trauma Services releases "Partners in Prevention" online parent/caregiver resource

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The Partners in Prevention Resource Tool is a site developed by Thrive Child and Youth Trauma Services as a resource for parents and caregivers in our community.

Thrive Child and Youth Trauma Services had the pleasure of hosting The Partners in Prevention Symposium; a symposium for parents and caregivers about keeping young people safe from sexual harm, in April 2016. Both parents and professionals in the field came together to learn more about how we can help keep young people in our community safe from sexual harm.

The forty participants heard Dr. Janet Rosenzweig, author of "The Sex-Wise Parent" present on practical advice to help parents promote their families' sexual health and safety. Her "Rosenzweig's Rules" provided easy to understand parent guidelines for nurturing healthy sexuality in their families. The participants then had the opportunity to participate in two break-out sessions led by local experts from THRIVE, the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, the Children's Aid Society of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Services. Participants had the opportunity to direct questions to local experts and to learn about the many resources available to them in the Hamilton community.

But we did not want to limit the information presented only to those who attended the symposium. With the help of the Ministry of Education, we are able to make this information accessible to all parents and caregivers of children and youth in our community and beyond.

This online parent tool features resources on cyber safety, resilience, sexualized behaviours and how to start conversing with your child or youth about sexuality and safety.

The resources on this website are compiled by trained professionals in the field and feature presentations by experts in the fields of child safety and child welfare.

To visit the site, go to www.parenttool.thrivechildandyouth.ca.

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