## BELL LET'S TALK DAY: JAN. 22, 2025 Sue Lubowitz OPC Service Chair

A comprehensive national report released in October by Mental Health Research Canada (MHRC) showed that there is a growing health crisis amond young Canadians. The full report can be found at: <u>https://www.mhrc.ca/youth-mental-health</u>

This is a generation at risk. Some key facts on youth mental health:

- Approximately 1.25 million youth in Canada need mental health supports every year. Nearly 3 in 5 (57%) of those youth are not getting the help they need.
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people in Canada (21% of deaths)
- Youth with excessive personal screen time (6+ hours daily) are 2.5x more likely than average to report high self-rated anxiety, 2x more likely to report high self-rated depression, 3x more likely to report severe symptoms of mental distress and 2.5x more likely to have suicide ideations.

For more resources <u>https://www.cwl.ca/parish-council-memos/</u> Service Memo Nov. 2024 #1

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 ${\sf C}$  hoose a mental health organization to learn about or support

H elp a friend struggling with mental health issues by learning ways to support them

 ${\sf A}$  sk about how your school, workplace, or community is creating change for mental health

 ${\sf N}$  urture your own well-being by practicing and learning mental health strategies

 ${\sf G}$  et involved in a mental health initiative or organize an event to support mental health

L ngage in conversations about mental health to fight stigma



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