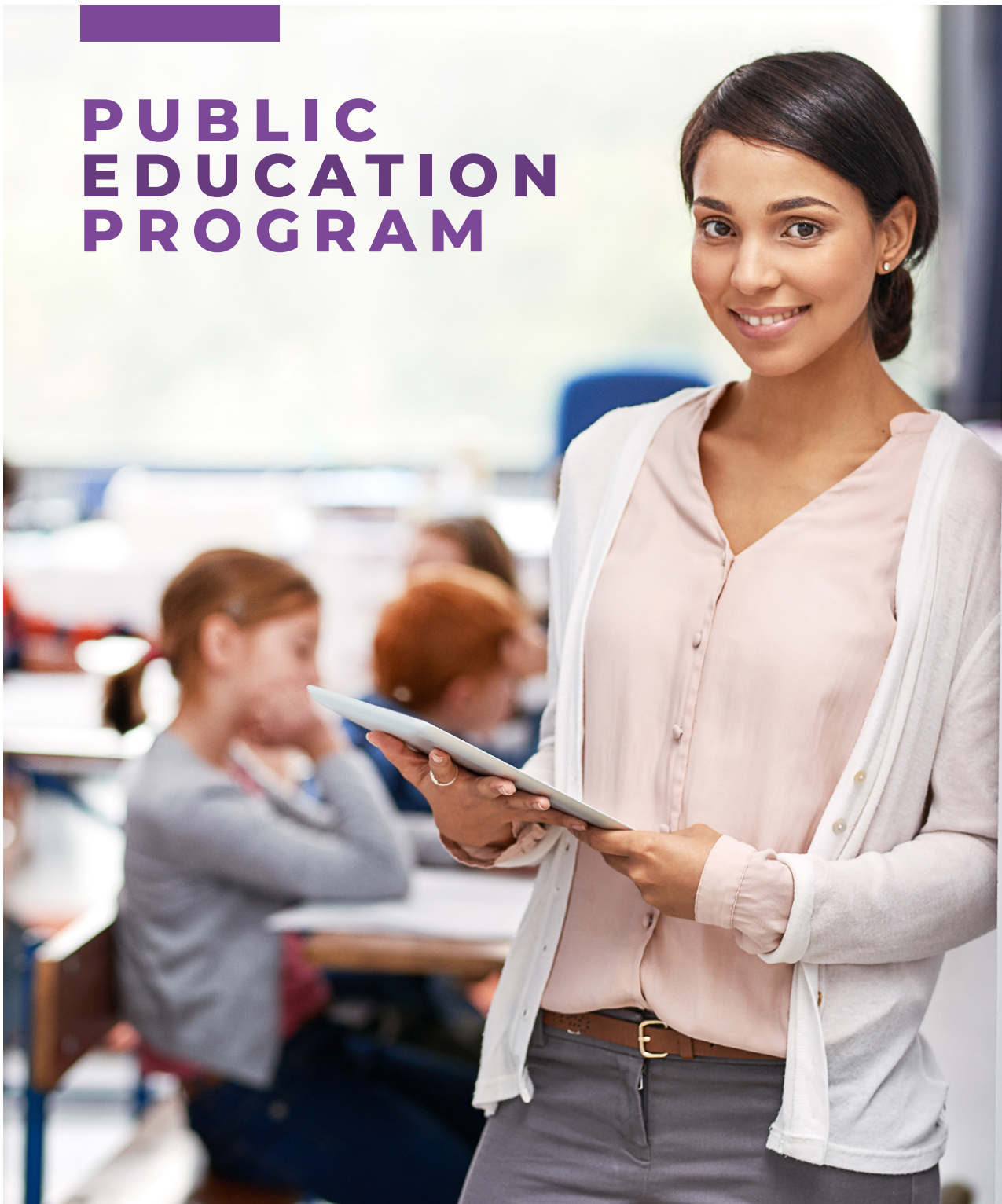


PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM



PRESENTED BY Halton Women's Place



WHAT IS THE PROGRAM

Learn To Love has been delivering presentations to schools in Halton for 10 years! With the on-going support of both the Halton Public and Catholic School Boards we have facilitated school-based public education programs that are subject specific to primary, elementary, and secondary school students. These presentations have been able to provide your students with invaluable resources on topics such as bullying, healthy relationships (peer, friends, family, romantic), consent, harassment, conflict resolution, digital literacy, and cyber safety.

Through the integrated use of discussions, video clips, and skill-based activities, students practice the development of positive social skills, self-esteem, and conflict resolution strategies. Our presentations also adopt a broader perspective of healthy relationships as being not just between intimate partners, but also with peers, family, friends, with the community, and within school. We have also differentiated our lessons, presentations, and activities so that they can be delivered to Special Education classes and are accessible to all students.



1 in 3 youth who
had dated reported
adolescent dating
violence (ADV)
victimization

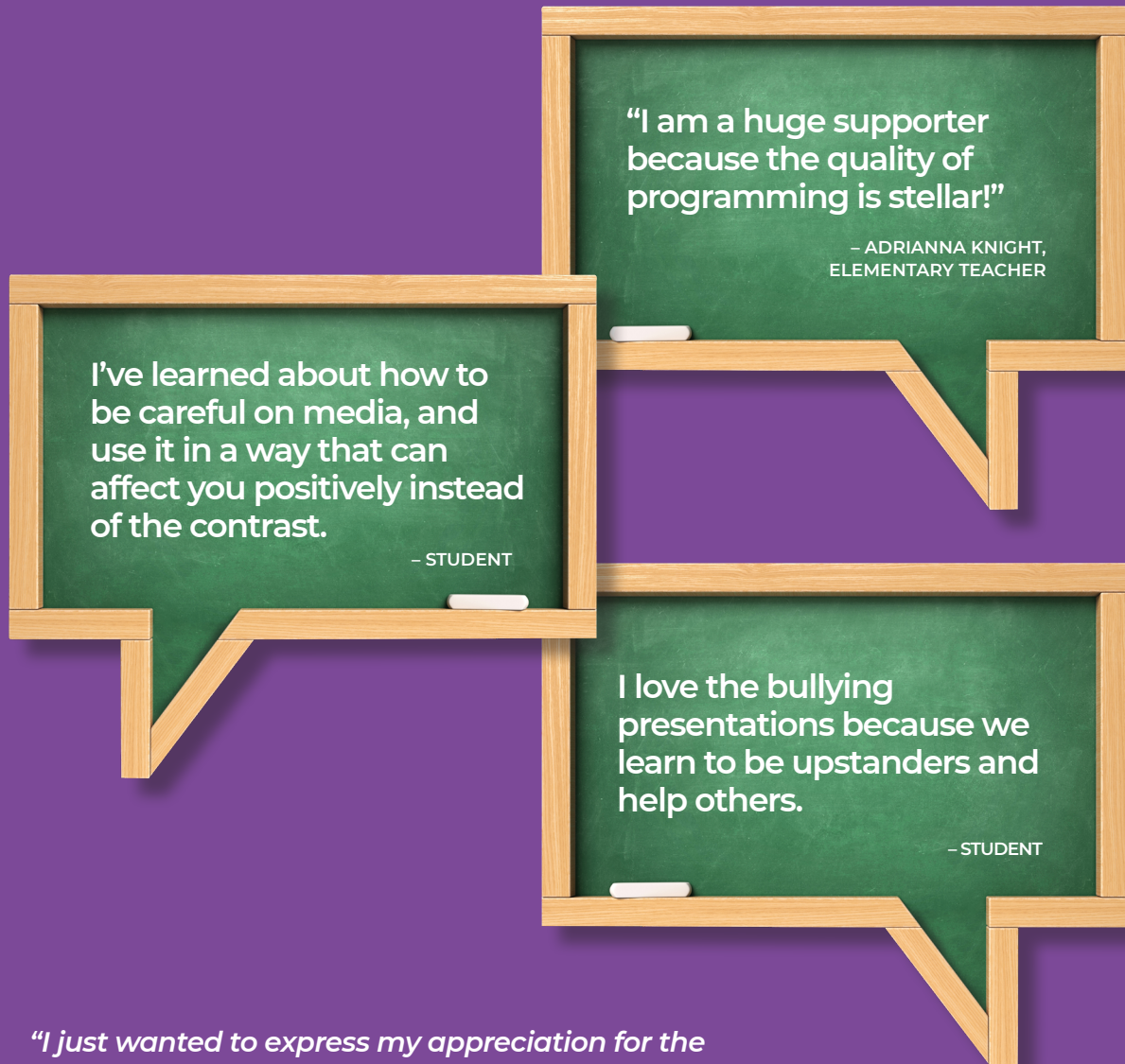


WHO RUNS IT?

For over 40 years, Halton Women's Place has been providing shelter facilities and programs to support women and their families who have been victims of violence. The staff at Halton Women's Place realized the current model of shelter services was not enough to end violence against women. This desire to be more proactive in primary prevention led to the creation of **Learn To Love**, our public education program.

Our program is provided free of charge to remove any financial barriers that would inhibit access to the people that can benefit the most from these tools.

THIS IS WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!



"I am a huge supporter
because the quality of
programming is stellar!"

– ADRIANNA KNIGHT,
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

I've learned about how to
be careful on media, and
use it in a way that can
affect you positively instead
of the contrast.

– STUDENT

I love the bullying
presentations because we
learn to be upstanders and
help others.

– STUDENT

*"I just wanted to express my appreciation for the
presentation given by Thom today. It was very informative
and as a class, we were able to have some really great
conversations afterwards. This is an excellent program!
Thank you again for sharing with us"*

- JESSICA ANTONELLI (ELEMENTARY TEACHER)



WHO BENEFITS?

Your children are the frontline recipients, but studies show that healthier relationships lead to healthier communities. Research indicates that early intervention for gendered violence prevention is necessary because much of this behaviour starts to display in the early elementary years. Since the inception of our program in 2012, we have delivered over 3600 presentations, and reached over 90,000 students.

Learn To Love age-specific programs mean that yearly access to the curriculum is effective for creating sustained change in behavior, while reinforcing concepts that prevent gendered violence. It is our desire that every Halton student will have access to the **Learn To Love** program throughout their schooling. We have worked diligently to increase the awareness of our program across school boards in Halton and within the community, liaising with teachers, administrators and child and youth workers within the school boards.



OUR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

At Halton Women's Place, we focus on prevention through education, and this includes engaging men and boys in a more meaningful way. Our EngageMENT Jr. (Grades 6-8) and EngageMENT Sr. (Grades 9-12) series engages boys through conversation and interactive activities on topics of healthy masculinity and allyship. The programme allows students to critically analyze gender roles in society and expand their understandings of healthy relationships (romantic, friends, peers, community).

Students are encouraged to critically analyze the portrayal of relationships in the media and examine stereotypes that contribute to gender-based violence. It is our desire to help students to make well-informed, healthy choices and to help them develop behaviors that contribute to well-being of themselves and others. This is also a special opportunity for students to gain knowledge from a local expert in the field of gender-based violence.

But we need your help.

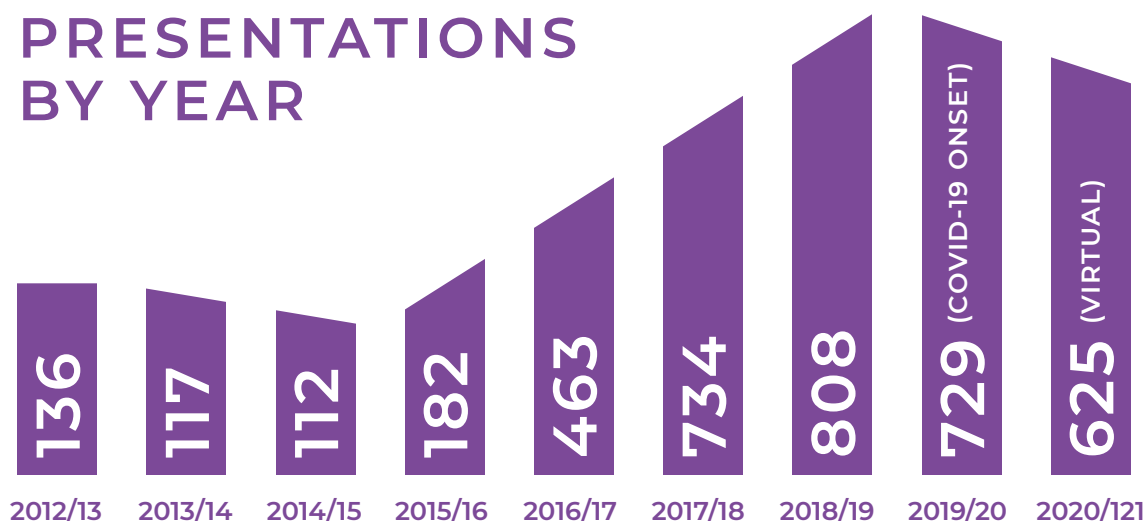
What we need.

Students, faculty, and parents alike, all appreciate the tools gained through the program, and demand keeps growing. This program started by impacting 136 classrooms in year-one. Prior to the Covid outbreak, we completed a school year that saw 808 presentations in schools throughout Halton Region.

Entering our tenth year, Halton Women's Place is proudly on the verge of making **Learn To Love** 100% self-sustaining for the foreseeable future. With your help and support, our goal is to raise \$2 million dollars over the next three years. Once accomplished, Halton Women's Place will be positioned to have the program continue to grow and develop while we fund-raise the program over the finish line.

As part of our goal of creating more positive outcomes and safer communities, we are seeking both corporate and private support. If you would like more information on the variety of ways you can support **Learn To Love**, head over to our website for more information: [haltonwomensplace.com/Learn To Love](https://haltonwomensplace.com/Learn-To-Love).

PRESENTATIONS BY YEAR



The Learn To Love Program needs your help to make a difference. We're projecting 1500 presentations will be booked in 2022, and with your support, we can teach a whole new generation of kids about healthy relationships and build a stronger community.



*With your support we can empower our youth toward
healthier relationships and safer futures.*

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