

SWAN VALLEY COMMUNITIES THAT CARE INC.

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Parents/Guardians of Gr. 7-12 Students,

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Swan Valley Communities that Care (SVCTC) has developed a survey which will explore young people's views and attitudes towards "at risk" behaviors and protective factors. The results of the survey will be used to plan proactive strategies that will address the areas where our youth are most vulnerable. The Swan Valley School Division has agreed to once again have Grade 7-12 students participate in the survey. SVCTC is a valley-wide initiative that promotes the positive and healthy development of children and youth. Communities That Care has been proven to help prevent adolescent at-risk behaviors such as: Alcohol and Drug Use, Dropping out of School, Delinquency, Teen Pregnancy, Violence, Depression and Suicide. This survey will measure risk and protective factors in the areas of community, school, family and peer-individual domains. This will be the fourth delivery of this survey since 2013 and results from the past surveys have brought about the implementation of the following programs in our community:

- Triple P Parenting – ages birth to 10 years of age
- Guiding Good Choices – ages 9-14 years
- Life Skills Training – For all grade 6, 7 & 8 classes in the SVSD
- Strengthening Families Program

The Swan Valley School Division has arranged for schools to deliver the survey during their regular school day on **November 27th, 2024**. The survey will require no more than 45 minutes of your child's time and will ask questions like:

- If you drank alcohol (not just a sip or taste) in the past year (12 months), how did you get it?
- If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parents?
- How wrong would most adults in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age: a. to use marijuana? b. to drink alcohol? c. to smoke cigarettes?

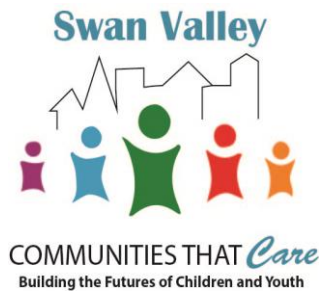
Your child's participation is voluntary. Your child is free to answer, or not answer, any question and can withdraw from completing the survey at any time. The answers that your child provides cannot be traced back to you or your child. The results of the survey will be managed in accordance with the Healthy Child Act and all applicable privacy laws. To ensure the strictest confidentiality, SVCTC is working with Healthy Child Manitoba to implement the survey and compile the survey data.



In partnership with Swan Valley School Division:
Mr. Rob Tomilson

Sincerely,
Ms. Jenna Koutecky
Swan Valley Communities That Care Coordinator

If you choose to NOT have your child participate in this survey, you must complete the OPT OUT portion on the next page and return it to your child's Swan Valley School by **November 18th, 2024**.



I do NOT agree to allow my child _____ to participate in the SVCTC 2024 Youth Survey.

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please feel free to contact SVCTC's Coordinator, Jenna Koutecky, at 204-614-8890 for further information. swanvalleyctc@gmail.com