

Program

Annual Abby ACCESS – Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee Co-Hosted Event

Abbotsford ACCESS (Action-oriented Community Collaborative for Equitable Supports and Services) is a network of local partners and an initiative of the City of Abbotsford's Housing, Homelessness and Community Development team focused on addressing complex social issues with a multi-agency approach. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.

Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee is a network of local health and social service agencies focused on supporting children, youth and their caregivers.

Youth and the Toxic Drug Crisis

Date: May 6, 2026

Time: 9:00 – 11:00am, *Doors open at 8:30am*

Location: Legacy Sports Centre Banquet Room

- **3270 Trethewey Street – enter off Trethewey street, Gate 1 of Abby Exhibition Park**

8:30am Doors open, breakfast and informal networking

9:00am Welcome and Opening
Emcee: Eric Van Egmond, Director of Operations, Abbotsford Child Protection, Guardianship, Youth, **Ministry of Children and Family Development**

9:05am Agency Updates

9:10am Networking Exercise

Presentations:

9:45am Substance Use Prevention in Abby Schools, Deb Cameron, Mental Health Clinician, **Abbotsford School District**

10:00am Navigating the Toxic Drug Crisis and Youth Substance Use, Wanda Phillips, Supervisor, Youth Services and Cassie Coers, Street Outreach Worker, **Youth Resource Centre, Archway Community Services**

10:15am Youth Substance Use Treatment Centre, Abbigail Maure, Case Worker, **Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS) Traverse**

10:30am Youth Substance Use and Grief, Daisha Spencer, Youth Grief Counsellor and Brett Van Bergen, Youth Substance Use Counsellor, **Matsqui-Abbotsford Impact Society**

11:00am Event Conclusion

If you would like to connect with our speakers, please find your way to the speaker tables now.