YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH



POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF YOUTH.

These include relationships with family and peers, and in schools and communities.

PERSISTENT NEGATIVE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS MAY BE RELATED TO POOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

IN GRADE 10:

43% OF GIRLS and 22% OF BOYS reported FEELING SAD or HOPELESS almost every day for two weeks or more in a row



38% OF GIRLS and 24% OF BOYS often

WISHED THEY WERE SOMEONE ELSE



34% OF GIRLS and 25% OF BOYS often FELT LONELY



Data are from the 2013/14 Health Behaviour in School-aged Children, a research study that aims to gain insight into youth health and well-being, and their social contexts.

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER! We can all play a role in promoting youth mental health.

Read our report *Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC)* in Canada: Focus on Relationships to learn more.

Visit Canada.ca/Health and search for HBSC.



