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Seven general tips from public health experts about supplies parents might want to send their kids to school with.

KIDS HELP PHONE OFFERS NEW RESOURCES FOR YOUTH

Kids Help Phone has added new resources to its list, to provide additional support for youth — just in time for backto-school. The Canadian youth mental health service has reported that over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of youth reaching out to them has nearly doubled, and that "youth have consistently been at a higher risk of experiencing poor mental health compared to any other age group."

Kids Help Phone has seen a 45 per cent increase in texts about self-harm, a 42 per cent increase in texts about substance abuse, a 47 per cent increase in texts about eating or body image issues, a 53 per cent increase in texts about gender/sexual identity, a 43 per cent increase in texts about suicide and a 49 per cent increase in texts about grief, compared to the year prior, which the organization attributes to unknowns about back to school.

Here are some resources students can access online at kidshelpphone.ca.

NEW RESOURCES:

• The Kids Help Phone checklist will help students dealing with changes throughout the school year.

•The Peer-to-Peer Community allows youth to connect directly with their peers and support one another.

EXISTING RESOURCES:

• Youth can use Kids Help Phone's free texting service, available 24/7, by texting CONNECT to 686868.

• Youth can call the Kids Help Phone line at 1-800-668-6868 to speak to a counsellor at any time. Service is available in English, French and Arabic.

• Kids Help Phone support can be accessed through Facebook Messenger, where a crisis responder will be available to help.

• From 7 p.m. to midnight ET, youth can access a counsellor via Kids Help Phone's Live Chat.





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