

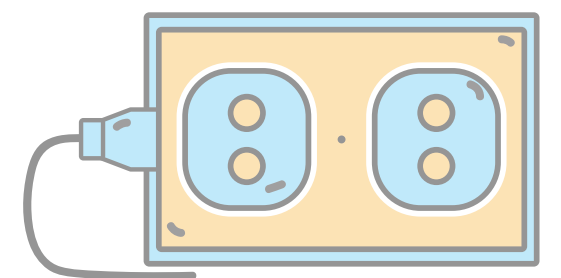
School Closed

Mitigating the Impacts of School Closures

Online learning can be especially difficult for children and youth experiencing mental, cognitive, or socioeconomic barriers, resulting in increased learning gaps. Additionally, the closure of schools removed a prime site for abuse disclosure.

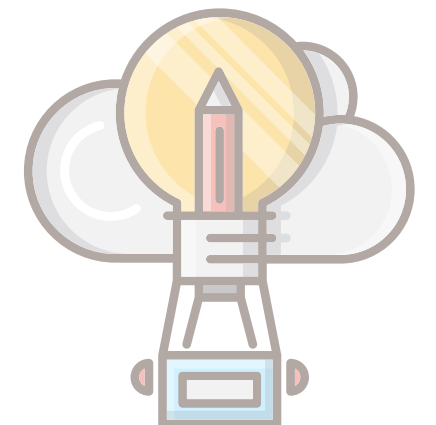
Connection:

Provide technology to all children and youth without access.



Creative Learning:

Value other learning environments such as nature, educational media, art, and interactions.



Reduce Pressure:

Learning expectations may need to be reduced and supplemented with practicing self-care. Create a structure for school work that works best for the youth and their routine.



Non-Conventional Partners:

School boards have teamed up with food banks to bring food hampers and school work to families. Neighbours, postal workers, and other service providers should be utilized to keep a watchful eye out for child maltreatment.



Disclosures:

Be prepared for increased disclosures of maltreatment and mental health concerns. Be open, honest, and direct with children to support anxiety reduction and correct any misinformation.

