

A Call to Action



WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE, STRONG AND FREE.

COPA National's vision is of a world in which all people can flourish and reach their full potential.

Our belief that all children, and all people have the right to be *safe, strong, and free* informs our empowerment-based tools and strategies, and all resources and activities created, developed, adapted, and disseminated by COPA National.

We also believe that children and youth need to know and understand that they have rights – that it is essential for their safety and allows them to flourish as they learn to respect themselves and others.

[An article in the Toronto Star](#) this week revealed the alarming fact that “Canada (has) dropped from 48th place in 2022 to 81st among 193 countries on the global KidsRight Index.”

The reasons for this rating and the shameful statistics revealed in the article about the compromised well-being of kids in Canada constitute a call to action. What children are experiencing is an utter violation of their rights to be *safe, strong, and free*.

We invite you to join with us to reduce children's vulnerability to abuse and break the cycle of violence, and to ensure that the rights of children in Canada are restored and protected.

[Here are some ways you can help.](#) We provide these tools and strategies to build the capacity of all adults to care for kids, and we encourage and reinforce their motivation to do so.

When everyone is equipped with tools and strategies, kids reap the benefits.