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Claire Crooks

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Claire Crooks is a Clinical Psychologist whose career is motivated by a passion for promoting mental health and preventing violence among children and youth. A professor at Western University and Director of the Centre for School Mental Health, Claire co-developed the Fourth R program, an innovative, evidence-based approach to teaching healthy relationships and reducing risky adolescent behavior. This highly effective program has been implemented in more than 5000 schools throughout Canada as well as internationally.

Claire has co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed publications on violence prevention, child maltreatment, teen dating violence, exposure to family violence, mental health promotion, and resilience among Indigenous youth. She has been called to testify in front of several provincial and federal

government committees on issues related to violence and mental health. Claire provides professional development to judges as a member of the U.S. National Council of Family Court Judges to promote practices that make the justice system more responsive to victims of violence.

Claire's work and energy have focused particularly on our most vulnerable populations. She has worked extensively at designing and implementing approaches that are reducing health inequities among Indigenous, LGBTQ2+ and newcomer youth populations.