Resources for Educators and Families

Parents, caregivers, and educators are faced with the challenge of explaining violence and war to children. Although difficult, these conversations may be necessary and in the context of human history help us work towards peace.

Below are resources that may help children feel more secure and understand the world in which they live. These resources are intended to provide access to information and educators are encouraged to determine which ones are most appropriate for their students.

- Talking to children about violence: Tips for parents and teachers (NASP)
- Fostering Civil Discourse: How Do We Talk About Issues That Matter (Facing History and Ourselves)
- Teaching Controversial Issues: A Framework for Reflective Practice (Judy Pace)
- Classroom Deliberations (Street Law)
- Conducting a Civil Conversation in the Classroom (Constitutional Rights Foundation)
- Talking With Children About War and Violence In the World (Teacher Vision)
- Helping Your Students Cope With a Violent World (Edutopia)

The following are social and emotional learning resources that may be useful when engaging in conversations with youth.

- How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War (Common Sense Media)
- Talking to Your Kids About War (VeryWell Family)
- How to Talk to Your Children About Conflict and War (UNICEF)
- Handle with Care: Supporting Young People During Crises (Learning for Justice)
- War, Crisis, Tragedy: How To Talk With Kids When The News Is Scary (KQED)