



Family Violence Prevention Week

February 11-17 | 2018

Activities for Families

Everyone has a role to play in ending violence in our communities. Here are six ideas for families to get involved in Family Violence Prevention Week:

- 1. Read with your children:** Read books with young children that show ways people can spread kindness, peace, and love throughout their communities. Some good examples are:
 - *What is Peace?* by Wallace Edwards
 - *Hand in Hand* by Rosemary Wells
 - *Can You Say Peace?* by Karen KatzThese books are available through the PEI Provincial Library Service. Be sure to check your local library for new selections for Family Violence Prevention Week 2018.
- 2. Talk and create together:** Read *Sparkle Boy* by Leslea Newman and talk with your children about the assumptions we make about the differences between boys and girls. Using the book as inspiration, work together to draw a favourite piece of clothing and discuss why it feels good to wear.
- 3. Listen** to and talk about the song *These Hands* by Dave Gunning and George Canyon. The song has also been turned into a book illustrated by Meagan Smith. The book and the song teach children that each of us can be a hero to other people.
- 4. Wear purple** on February 14th to support family violence prevention in PEI.
- 5.** Plan a family project to **raise money or provide supplies** to an emergency shelter or service provider that supports victims of family violence.
- 6. Educate yourself:** Learn about family violence, its effects on children and youth and what you can do as a neighbour, co-worker, family member or friend. Learn more at stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/friends.

Peace Begins at Home. Thank you to all children, youth, families and groups who are committed to peace in our homes and Island communities!

By the PEI Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention

<http://stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca>