



Peace Begins at Home

Activities for Families

by the PEI Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention
Youth Engagement Working Group

PEI Family Violence Prevention Week is February 14 to 20, 2016

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:

- *Peace is an Offering* by Annette LeBox
- *Magic Little Word* by Angèle Delaunois
- *Kiss* by Jennifer Couelle

These books are available through the PEI Provincial Library Service. Be sure to check your local library for new selections for Family Violence Prevention Week 2016.

2. Talk and create together: Read *Beautiful Hands* by Bret Baumgarten and talk with your children about what they will do with their beautiful hands. Using Kathryn Ootshi's illustrations as inspiration, create some handprint art together.

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 17th 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, family member or friend. Learn more at stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/friends.

Thank you to all children, youth, families and groups who are committed to peace in our homes and Island communities. For event details for Family Violence Prevention Week 2016, visit stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/2016campaign

“Children who grow up with positive parenting are likely to develop the skills they need to do well at school, work, build friendships, and feel good about themselves.” ~ Triple P Positive Parenting Program,

<http://www.triplep-parenting.net/pei-en/home/>

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