

Talking to Children About Sensitive & Difficult Topics

| Topic | Younger Children | Older Children | Caregivers |
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| Trauma | <i>A Terrible Thing Happened</i> , Margaret M. Holmes | | National Child Traumatic Stress Network, www.nctsn.org |
| Child Abuse | <i>The Words Hurt: Helping Children Cope With Verbal Abuse</i> , Chris Loftis | <i>Don't Hurt Laurie</i> , Willow Davis Roberts | <i>Tips for Talking to Children About Child Abuse</i> , http://www.ovc.gov/pubs/helpseries/pdfs/CATipSheet.pdf |
| Sexual Abuse/Assault | <i>Not In Room 204: Breaking the Silence of Abuse</i> , Shannon Riggs <i>I Said NO! A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Your Private Parts Private</i> , Kimberly King | <i>How Long Does It Hurt? A Guide to Recovering from Incest and Sexual Abuse for Teenagers, Their Friends, and Their Families</i> , Cynthia L. Mather | <i>Out of Harm's Way: A Parent's Guide to Protecting Young Children from Sexual Abuse</i> , Sandy K. Wurtele Stop It Now!, http://www.stopitnow.org/ |
| Healthy Development | <i>It's So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families</i> , Robie H. Harris <i>Your Body Belongs to You</i> , Cornelia Maude Spelman <i>My Body Is Private</i> , Linda Walvoord Girard | <i>Changes in You and Me: A Book About Puberty Mostly for Boys</i> , Paulette Bourgeois <i>Changes in You and Me: A Book About Puberty Mostly for Girls</i> , Paulette Bourgeois | <i>Do Children Sexually Abuse Other Children?</i> , http://www.stopitnow.org/files/Do_Children_Sexually_Abuse_Other_Children.pdf <i>The Sex-Wise Parent: The Parent's Guide to Protecting Your Child, Strengthening Your Family, and Talking to Kids About Sex, Abuse, and Bullying</i> , Janet Rosenzweig <i>Sex and Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking About Sense About Sex</i> , Deborah Roffman |
| Family Violence | <i>A Family That Fights</i> , Sharon Chesler Bernstein <i>Hear My Roar: A Story of Family Violence</i> , Gillian Watts | <i>What Jamie Saw</i> , Carolyn Coman | <i>Little Eyes, Little Ears: How Violence Against a Mother Shapes Children As They Grow</i> , http://www.lfcc.on.ca/little_eyes_little_ears.html <i>When Dad Hurts Mom: Helping Your Children Heal the Wounds of Witnessing Abuse</i> , Lindy Bancroft |
| Healthy Dating Relationships | | <i>What Smart Teenagers Know... About Dating, Relationships, and Sex</i> , Deborah Hatchell <i>Guys are Waffles, Girls are Spaghetti</i> , Chad Eastham <i>In Love and In Danger</i> , Barrie Levy | <i>A Parent's Guide To Teen Dating Violence: 10 Questions To Start The Conversation</i> , http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/PDF/Handbook%20-%20Parents%20of%20Teens.pdf <i>A Parent's Handbook: How To Talk To Your Children About Developing Healthy Relationships</i> , http://www.aboutourkids.org/files/pages/assets/Liz_Claiborne_Handbook.pdf |
| Substance Use/Abuse | <i>The Dragon Who Lives at Our House: A Story About Substance Abuse</i> , Elaine Mitchell Palmore | <i>Emmy's Question</i> , Jeannine Auth <i>I've Got This Friend Who: Advice for Teens</i> , Anna Radey | <i>Growing Up Drug-Free: A Parent's Guide To Prevention</i> , http://www.justice.gov/dea/pr/multimedia-library/publications/growing-up-drug-free.pdf |

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| Gangs | | <i>The Big Lie: Unmasking the Truth Behind Gangs</i> [video], http://www.oag.state.va.us/Programs%20and%20Resources/Gangs/GANGS_The_Big_Lie.html | <i>Parents' Guide to Gangs</i> , http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Content/Documents/Parents-Guide-to-Gangs.pdf |
| Violence in the News | <i>Jenny is Scared! When Sad Things Happen in the World</i> , Carol Shuman | | <i>A National Tragedy: Helping Children Cope</i> , http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/terror_general.aspx <i>Talking to Teens About Violence</i> , http://life.familyeducation.com/teen/violence/29714.html |
| Separation, Divorce, Blended Families, Adoption, etc. | <i>Dinosaurs Divorce</i> , Marc Brown & Laurie Krasny Brown <i>I Wished for You: an Adoption Story</i> , Marianne Richmond | <i>Divorce Is Not the End of the World: Zoe's and Evan's Coping Guide for Kids</i> , Zoe Stern & Evan Stern <i>The Divorce Workbook for Teens</i> , Lisa M. Schab | <i>Talking to Children About Our Families</i> , http://www.familyequality.org/_asset/x8mxv5/talkingtochildren.pdf |
| Death | <i>When Dinosaurs Die</i> , Laurie Krasny Brown <i>Something Happened: A book for children and parents who have experienced pregnancy loss</i> , Cathy Blandford <i>I Remember</i> , Jennifer Moore-Mallinos | <i>Fire in My Heart, Ice in My Veins: A Journal for Teenagers Experiencing a Loss</i> , Enid Samuel Traisman | The Dougy Center, http://www.dougy.org/ <i>Talking to Children after a Loved One has Died by Suicide</i> , http://www.tlcinst.org/PTRCtalking.html |
| Bullying | <i>Bully Beans</i> , Julia Cook <i>The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others</i> , Bob Sornson | Teens Against Bullying, http://www.pacerteensagainstabullying.org/#/home | Violence Prevention Works!, http://www.violencepreventionworks.org/public/bullying_tips_for_parents.page <i>Parent Guide to Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats</i> , http://www.embracecivility.org/wp-content/uploadsnew/2012/10/cbctparents.pdf |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Families | The LGBTQ Family-Friendly Children's Book List, http://www.familyequality.org/_asset/70xxn9/booklist.pdf | <i>GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens</i> , Kelly Huegel | <i>Talking to Children About Our Families</i> , http://www.familyequality.org/_asset/x8mxv5/talkingtochildren.pdf |
| Prejudice & Discrimination | <i>The Crayon Box That Talked</i> , Shane Derolf | | <i>Beyond the Golden Rule: A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice</i> , http://www.tolerance.org/publication/beyond-golden-rule |