

NURTURING VALUES AND SPIRITUALITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE

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WE ENVISION...



A world where the human dignity of young children is affirmed and they are nurtured by families, caregivers and teachers in safe, healthy and loving environments, free of violence; where they build positive relations with themselves and others, thrive and reach their fullest potential.

The bonds with their
parents affect their
future

Children's
brain
development



Habits are
formed

Start building
relations with
others

Emotional ties
are built



Child Holistic development –
flourishing of the child

Environments

Families:
Parents and
caregivers

Policies

Schools:
Teachers

Communities

Religious
communities

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Physical
Development

Intellectual
Development

Language
Development

Social
Development

Emotional
Development



Nurturing ethical values and spirituality

Empathy,
respect for
others,
responsibility

Caring/giving

Compassion

Non-violence

Resilience



Relations
with
themselves,
with others,
with the
Divine

Sense of
wonder

Sense of
meaning and
purpose

Interconnectedness



VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

How do you challenge cultures and environments of violence and transform them in cultures of empowerment, love and care?

Religious
leaders/actors

Inter-
religious

collaboration
Multi-sectoral
approaches

Policies and
laws



Working Together
Mobilizing others
De-normalizing
violence

INVITATION TO



Discuss state of violence against children in early childhood, scientific evidence



Engage in dialogue on social and cultural norms change and caregivers and parents support



Reflect why nurturing values and spirituality in early childhood



Share good practices and the role of religious communities