



# **SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION WITH PARENTS: CULTIVATING RESPECTFUL & CLEAR PARTNERSHIPS**



- What makes a conversation important?
- Start with your heart
- Building trust
- Notice. Be curious!
- When emotions run high
- When sharing risky info
- Final thoughts/ Q&A/ Plans

# NOTES

Thoughts on vulnerability & courage (Brené Brown)  
Link [here](#).

Think about a time when you had to lean into vulnerability even when it was uncomfortable, awkward, hard.

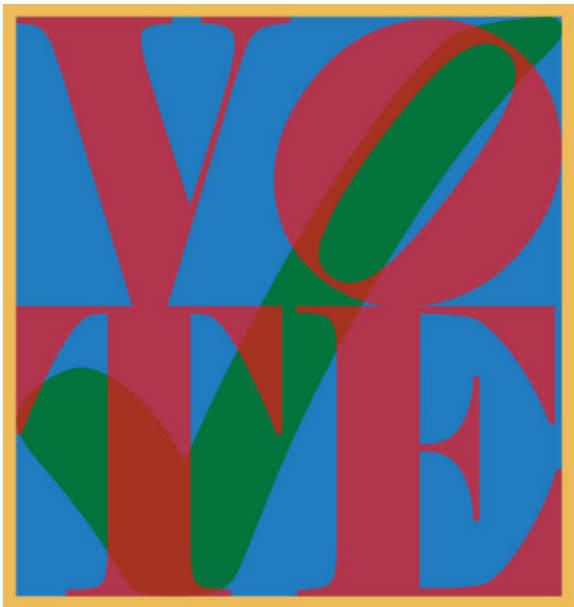
- What did you learn?
- What worked well?
- What would you never do again?

What constitutes an 'important conversation'?

We can avoid them, handle them poorly  
OR we can handle them well.



What is that conversation that maybe you have been putting off?



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You can learn dialogue skills!

Building trust:

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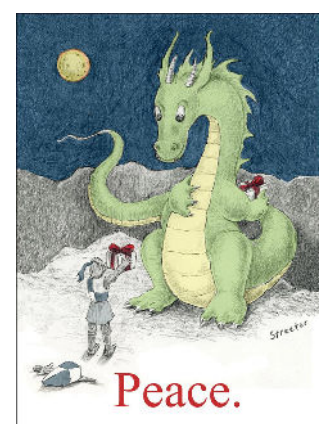
Notice. Be curious.

When emotions run high:

Bonus link: Brené Brown on Blame [here](#).

When sharing risky information:

Remember this



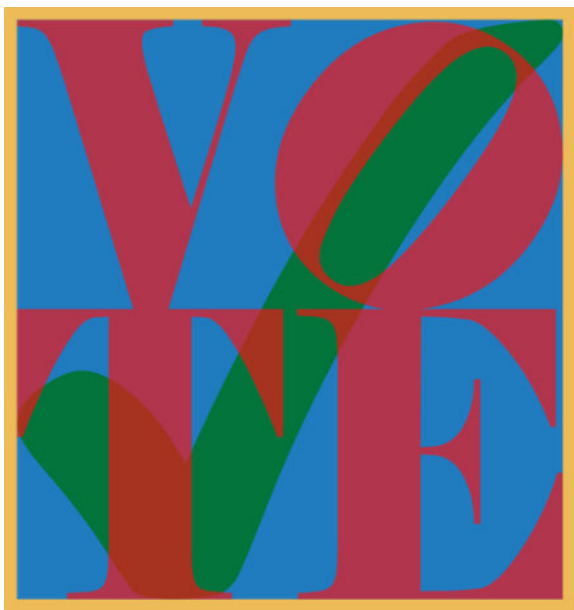
Setting a goal with families at the end of the conversation:

**NOW.**

You have a conversation that you have been avoiding.

- 1.State your truth (write it down)
- 2.Tell your story (write it down) “Here’s what I am telling myself.”
- 3.Ask for other’s perspectives on this story. Write down a phrase that invites this.
- 4.Talk less. Listen more. Pause with an open body & mind.

Set a deadline to have this conversation.



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**My plan is...**





# END NOTES

So by now, you have invested considerable time and effort into preparing yourself to show up and serve children in your community who are struggling more than others. What is your one bold action you want to take? Right now, in this moment, I give you permission to make a decision. You don't have to change everything, but what is the smallest change you can make that will make the most difference." Call it out. What will you do differently this week? If you don't take action, you missed it.

What is the one bold move?

What will you leave here and do?



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