

## Parent Engagement: Tools and Resources

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### **Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE):**

#### **Building Parent Engagement – Tool Kit**

[http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe\\_2\\_Parent\\_TK.html](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe_2_Parent_TK.html)



*Building Parent Engagement* (Parent Tool Kit, and Planning Parent Engagement Guidebook) was developed with the input of students, parents and educators from across the province, and drawing on resources such as the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health, Kids Help Phone, and PrevNet. Material is evidence informed and experience based and includes proven techniques, practices and innovative ideas and resources such as information about digital storytelling, links to websites for creating slideshows, and sample virtual fieldtrip websites. The Family Opinion Matters section of the Guidebook contains sample survey menus to gather parent input and inform initiatives that value parents and support student achievement.

#### **Parent Tool Kit - Teen Edition**

[http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe\\_3\\_Parent\\_TE.html](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe_3_Parent_TE.html)

The *Teen Edition* was developed in response to parent feedback during consultation for the initial tool kit. It provides support for parents to help their teens succeed, including tips on being informed, and being a listener, a coach, a mentor, a learner and a guide.



#### **Building Healthy Relationships**

[http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe\\_1\\_Relationships.html](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe_1_Relationships.html)

*Building Healthy Relationships* focuses on topics such as mental well-being, conflict resolution, bullying prevention, social media and resilience.



#### **Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math**

<http://parentengagementmatters.ca/inspiring-your-child-to-learn-and-love-math>



This tool kit is designed to foster the engagement of parents of elementary students in their children's mathematics learning, and to inform, support and nourish the work parents currently do as the first teachers of their children. The components of the tool kit include a series of fact sheets, implementation guide, resource guide, workshop invitation, videos and workshop reflection kit.

## Choose a Path That Includes Math

[www.mathpathontario.ca](http://www.mathpathontario.ca)

*Choose a Path That Includes Math* provides on-line resources for teens and parents to use together (grades 7-12). This resource equips parents and teens with resources they can use at home (or teachers can use at school) to guide decision-making about mathematics pathways and to support shared expectations and aspirations. *Choose a Path That Includes Math* is a web-based, engaging hub of interactive pathways, embedded videos, expert and student testimonials, successful adults speaking of how they use math every day coupled with excellent resources and links.



## Math Storytime app

[www.mathstorytime.ca](http://www.mathstorytime.ca)



The objective of the *Math Storytime* mobile app is to help parents explore simple math concepts with their children (ages 5-7) through stories accessible on their tablets or smartphones (also laptops and computers). Parents and caregivers can engage with their children in fun activities and 'math talk' through discussion bubbles which extend the learning of each story.

## Centre ontarien de prévention des agressions (COPA):

### We All Belong – A Multimedia Tool Kit for Parents and Schools

<http://copahabitat.ca/en/parents/parent-engagement>

<http://www.copahabitat.ca/en/bullying/bullying-capsules>

*We all Belong* is a multi-media resource including 20 engaging vignettes, discussion guides and a resource book for parents and schools, to encourage parent engagement and home/school collaboration and to promote a whole-school approach to safe, inclusive and accepting schools. The vignettes feature a friendly cast of diverse Capsule Family members designed to appeal to everyone by minimizing gender, age and cultural stereotyping, and using humour to address important topics. The practical topics range from reading with your child, helping your child with homework, the importance of parent-teacher meetings and everyday successes at home, to bullying prevention, nurturing kindness and empathy, and problem-solving together.



*We All Belong* vignettes have been close-captioned and are available in five languages (English, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Arabic). Further, through extensive discussion and learning from First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, a partner resource, *A Circle of Caring*, has been adapted/created for Indigenous communities.

### Storybook Series for Young Children:

Storybooks were created based on the *We All Belong* multimedia kit. Three appealing, accessible and culturally and linguistically appropriate storybooks are available in print and online for use by parents and school staff to help support parent engagement, and promote safe, inclusive and accepting schools.

TOOF AND THAT BLANKET



By Judy Nyasha Warner  
Illustrated by Irene Anghelopoulos  
and Christopher Fidler

### Toof and That Blanket

<http://changeourworld.ca/books/01-TOOF-AND-THAT-BLANKET.pdf>

### Specs and the Best Part

<http://changeourworld.ca/books/02-SPECS-AND-THE-BEST-PART.pdf>

SPECS AND THE BEST PART



By Judy Nyasha Warner  
Illustrated by Irene Anghelopoulos  
and Christopher Fidler

BOUNCY AND THE ANY KIND AT ALL FISH



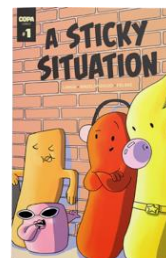
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### Bouncy and the Any Kind at All Fish

<http://changeourworld.ca/books/03-BOUNCY-AND-THE-ANY-KIND-AT-ALL-FISH.pdf>

### A Sticky Situation <http://copahabitat.ca/en/books/comic-book>

To accompany the storybooks, also based on the *We All Belong* multimedia kit, a comic book for teens was developed.



### A Circle of Caring – A Multimedia Tool Kit for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Communities, Families, and Schools

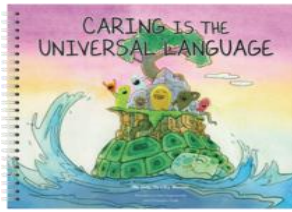
<http://copahabitat.ca/en/toolkits/a-circle-of-caring>

*A Circle of Caring* multi-media tool kit was designed in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit families, community leaders and Elders. The toolkit includes an introductory pamphlet, a two-DVD set of short animated films in nine languages (Cree, Inuktitut, Michif, Mohawk, Oji-Cree, Ojibway, Oneida, English and French), an information and discussion guide, and colouring book for young children.

Topics include cultural pride, helping our children succeed, understanding bullying and discrimination, getting involved in school life, and nurturing safe and healthy schools and communities.

## Caring is the Universal Language

<http://copahabitat.ca/en/books/indigenous-storybooks>



To complement *A Circle of Caring*, an appealing, accessible and culturally and linguistically appropriate storybook is available in print and online. Languages include: Cree, Inuktitut, Michif, Mohawk, Oji-Cree, Ojibwe, Oneida, English and French.

## Roots of Empathy:

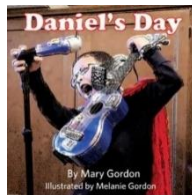
### Roots of Empathy: video series with Mary Gordon

<https://rootsofempathy.org/covid-19-resources/>



Parenting through COVID-19: A series of mental health and well-being videos for parents. Captioning available in 19 languages, including six Indigenous languages - talking about covid-19, anxiety, friendship, parents as teachers, sharing our vulnerability...

Through the Lens of Temperament: coming soon!



The Roots of Empathy Book Club: Mary Gordon helps with story time by reading aloud some of the children's books she has written, and her daughter Melanie Gordon has illustrated.