

**A New Publication from ERIC/EECE's
National Parent Information Network**
Violence Prevention Resource Guide for Parents

Parents, teachers, and family support professionals often look for resources that provide an easy-to-read balanced view of the complex issues surrounding violence among children and youth. To fill that need, the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education and the National Parent Information Network are pleased to announce the release of a new publication titled *Violence Prevention Resource Guide for Parents*. It is designed to provide easy access to information about the three main stages in childhood: the early years (birth to 5), the middle years (6 to 12), and the teen years (13 to 18). Within each section are discussions of the issues related to violence in children and practical suggestions parents can use to prevent violence at each stage. Along with a developmental overview, the topics addressed include:

The Early Years—brain development and infant attachment, impulse control, prosocial skills, violence on television and in other media, toys that promote violent behavior, early child care experiences, and managing family conflict.

The Middle Years—peer relationships, popular entertainment media, appropriate after-school care and monitoring, encouraging school success, conflict management skills, and meaningful connections within the community.

The Teen Years—community involvement, substance abuse, access to guns and other weapons, peer influence, dating relationships, and successful transitions to young adulthood.

Also included in the *Guide* are *Parent Summary Sheets*—one-page handouts on each topic. The 23 *Parent Summary Sheets* can be easily photocopied to share with busy parents and professionals.

The *Guide* also provides a link to related readings on the NPIN Web site. Portable Document Format (PDF) versions of these readings are available for easy duplication to share with parents and others. The readings can support informal discussions or parenting classes, or can be used in school “take-home” packets. The online appendix will be regularly updated on the Web site as new resources become available.

The complete *Guide*, including the reproducible *Parent Summary Sheets*, is available for \$15.00 [plus \$2.50 (U.S.) or \$5.00 (foreign) shipping and handling]. Checks should be made out to the University of Illinois. For more information or to order the *Violence Prevention Resource Guide for Parents*, contact ERIC/EECE.

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