Parenting Support for February: **Nurturing Peace, Celebrating Love**

A note from our founder

Dear Peace At Home Parents.

Valentine's Day is coming up but for many of us wildfires on the west coast and political shifts across the country are making it hard to focus on the season of love.

If you are reaching for peace at home during these difficult times, here are a few gentle reminders:

- Your thoughts strongly impact your mood and physical well-being, which impact your kids. Learn to process your worries with trusted adults, but limit the time you spend discussing concerns when your kids are in earshot.
- Take action to make a difference about your concerns and help your kids do the same. Then, take space from those issues. Taking even small actions can make that a lot easier.
- Use brain calming practices daily. Find the one that works for you and help your kids find theirs. At Peace At Home, we like well-researched breathing practices, mindfulness strategies and an easy but structured exercise called Expressive Writing (read more here).
- Remember the power of play and silliness. Your kids feel safer in the world when they see an authentic smile on your face. If you can't pull yourself away from worries, have a quick dance party even with your teens. (Let them pick the music!)

For this Valentine's Day, consider celebrating your love by focusing on your connection as parenting partners and strengthening your shared vision as parents. It doesn't have to look like a Hallmark movie, but take some steps to lean into a healthy, united partnership.

Take seriously the Surgeon General's Advisory about parent stress and isolation. Don't go it alone. Reach out to friends, loved ones and trusted resources. Some of our resources you might find helpful this month are:

- Quick Video Library: Parent Well-being
- Recorded Workshop: Rebalance Chores & Reignite Your Relationship
- Recorded Workshop: Resolve Parenting Style Conflicts

Let's do this together.

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Upcoming Live Events

Lunch & Learn: Teen Mental **Health and Substance Use** (Discussion followed by Q&A) WED 2/5, 12:00 PM ET



Toddler & Preschoolers: A Peace at Home Roadmap (Conversation with the Experts) THU 2/6, 12:00 PM ET



Bridging the Generation Gap: Strengthening Grandparent-Parent Relationships (Live Workshop) THU 2/27, 12:00 PM ET



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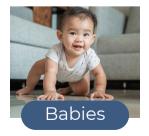
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