# KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS YOUTH EDITION

How to have dialogue about important topics with the young people you love - even when it's hard

### GET READY TO TALK ABOUT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Make sure children feel safe in the space - be mindful of your words and tone. Show patience, making sure to consider your children's developmental stages.

### START THE CONVERSATION

Parents are a trusted source of information. Encourage children to ask any questions they have.

In response, give ageappropriate facts, be honest, and let the children lead the discussion.



### 10 tips for talking about COVID-19 with your kids

If you are a parent or caregiver and feeling unsure about what to share, how much to say, and ways to navigate COVID-19 when so much is uncertain, you're not alone.

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## EMPATHIZE AND VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS

Sometimes our small children have big emotions. Use affirming language to acknowledge their feelings without judging or minimizing.

### MODEL THE BEHAVIOR YOU WANT TO SEE

Try to demonstrate positive attitudes and an adventure mindset as you learn and grow together.

### Reference:

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/10-tips-for-talking-about-covid-19-with-your-kids

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