



Tips for Parents: Prejudice

Children learn prejudiced thinking from a variety of sources. Television and friends factor into the way a child thinks about other people, but kids are most influenced by their parents and other family members. Prejudice can lead to intolerance and hurtful behavior, so it's a good idea to educate yourself about how prejudices form. And then talk with your kids. The resources below are a great place to start:

For You:

Ponterotto, Joseph G.; Utsey, Shawn O.; Pedersen, Paul B. "Preventing Prejudice: A Guide for Counselors, Educators, and Parents." Sage Publications, Inc., 2006.

Anti-Defamation League; Stern-LaRosa, Caryl; Hofheimer Bettman, Ellen. "Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice." Scholastic Paperbacks, 2000.

For Kids:

"Cootie shots: theatrical inoculations against bigotry for kids, parents, and teachers: plays, poems & songs." Norma Bowles, editor & Mark E. Rosenthal, associate editor. Imprint New York: Theatre Communications Group, 2001.