







Enduring Vulnerability

- Children, by definition, are reliant on adults for care. The resulting vulnerability can cause significant stress. A child who grows in an environment that is safe and protective will be well prepared to provide this experience for others.

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Discovering Uniqueness

- Children are in the process of discovering who they are and what makes them unique. A child who has experienced an adult's attentiveness and assistance in this process will have known care and compassion.

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Joining Community

- The work of childhood is to move from self absorbed infants to relational beings. For most children, healthy social environments are learned through modeling and coaching. The opportunity to participate in a caring community is key to developing compassion.

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Making Meaning

- A child's world view and moral compass emerge not from what s/he is told but from what s/he experiences. Fairness, Justice, Good choices and compassion will all inform a child's emerging understanding of right and wrong, good and evil.

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Where did your experience fall...

- Enduring Vulnerability
- Discovering Uniqueness
- Joining Community
- Making Meaning

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Small Groups...

How could you or your school provide experiences that affirm one of the following...

- enduring vulnerability
- discovering uniqueness
- joining community
- making meaning

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