

Take on the Challenge

A Source Book from the Women, Violence, and Adult Education Project

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This beautifully-produced **new resource** with photos and original artwork is primarily for adult literacy teachers, but will be useful for all educators and activists interested in anti-violence work. It is an analysis of the effects of violence and a practical collection of **ideas and activities**, with examples from teachers working in GED, native language literacy, ABE, ESOL, welfare-to-work, corrections, and homeless shelter settings. It shows how they successfully changed their curriculum and learning environment to address the **impact of violence on learning**. Based on the foundation of Jenny Horsman's research, practitioners focused on student activism and well-being incorporating counseling and creative arts – collage, quilting, movement, and meditation – into the classroom.

Each chapter includes a general introduction, tools for programs, and teachers writing about the changes they made.

Chapter One – Take on the Challenge explores our understanding of violence, its impacts on learning, and first steps that programs can take.

Chapter Two – Build a Web of Support describes how establishing program and community support and taking care of yourself are key to doing this work.

Chapter Three – Reform Programming examines possibilities for changing curricula and creating conditions for learning with detailed descriptions from each teacher.



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