



HEART: Healing and Education through the Arts



Save the Children

HEART GUIDELINES / TIPS

1. Remember that all art is good art. Do not judge or grade children's art.
2. Organize each activity ahead of time and have materials ready. Make sure to have enough time to finish all steps of the activity, including the post art-making discussion.
3. Speak in a gentle tone of voice so that children feel safe and supported.
4. Do not force children to participate. Invite them and encourage them and thank them for their efforts.
5. Do not correct children's art or teach them how to do it. Allow them to explore on their own how to paint, draw, sculpt, etc.
6. Be a good listener – give children your attention to let them express themselves.
7. Do not assume what a child intends to communicate through his/her art. Invite the child to share with you and let him/her explain.
8. Respect confidentiality.
9. No photos or videos without permission (if activity is conducted in a classroom).
10. Take care of art materials and model this behavior for children – put them away in the right place together.