Miss Kendra Programs June happenings

As the school year winds down, we are sending peace and gratitude to our students and educators across the country. This will be a summer full of opportunities to learn, restore and find joy in the every day.

Addressing the impact of gun violence

As much as we may want to shield young people from stories like the tragic shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde Texas, it is a reality of the times we live in and what kids are hearing. You might be wondering how to talk to the children in your life about the persistent reality of school gun violence.

Offer space

- Be curious about what they know about it.
- Ask them if they have any questions.

Offer strategies

- Help them to think about who they could talk to if they
• Ask them how they’re feeling about it.
• Ask them if they worry that things like this could happen to them.
• Look into ways your school and town leaders are addressing these dangers.

It is a hard time for teachers. We want to support their voices, validate their experiences, and let educators everywhere know we appreciate them.

Our team connected with one North Carolina teacher who generously shared her perspective on returning to the classroom after the Uvalde shooting. Hear from Crystal Lancaster in the Charlotte Observer for one teacher’s perspective.

Read it here.

Thanks to all of our partners at Rural Opportunity Institute in North Carolina and everywhere else across the country for the work you do every day helping to amplify teachers’ and student voices.

Further reading: Hear from our friends at We Are Teachers

Miss Kendra Counselor Certification Training

This in-person training, August 1 - 5, is designed for school counselors, specialists, and educators to learn more about bringing trauma-informed, impactful practices to the classroom.

Learn more

In case you missed it.

Thank you to those who attended the Miss Kendra Programs June Webinar, Addressing the Impact of the Backlash against SEL Programs.
You can catch up on this and all of our past webinars on demand—just visit [misskendraprograms.org/resources-2/](https://misskendraprograms.org/resources-2/) to request access.

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