

Messages about violence a program/organization might want to give in some way:

- Many people experience violence
- Violence affects many different people (this includes students, tutors and staff)
- Violence is never ok
- Everyone has the right to be safe and free of violence
- Is someone hurting you now? You can get help.
- Did someone hurt you when you were younger? You can get help to work through the ways it still bothers you.
- If you are hurting someone you must take responsibility, get help, and stop. There are places to learn how to stop being violent.
- People who have been hurt are strong survivors and should not be blamed or judged weak.
- If you have been through violence it may have made it hard to learn. It may still get in the way of your learning.
- This program works hard to support all students to learn. This includes all people who have been hurt or who are being hurt now. If you hurt other people you may be asked to leave to make sure the program is a safe place for others to learn.

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