
Touchstones for Our Work:

- ❖ **Stay Engaged.** Be present for yourself and others. Presume welcome and extend welcome. Bring your whole self to the work.
- ❖ **Remember the children.** They need us to be positive, creative, and energetic on their behalf.
- ❖ **Speak for yourself – Use “I” statements.**
- ❖ **Make space for silence and reflection.** Slow down and pay attention to your “inner” voice.
- ❖ **Create a learning space enriched by differences.** Speak your truth. Listen with an open mind to others’ truths. Look for positive intent. Check out assumptions.
- ❖ **When the going gets rough, turn to wonder and curiosity.** Be open to learning and seeing with “soft eyes.” Turn from reaction and judgment to compassionate inquiry.
- ❖ **No (unsolicited) fixing.** Seek instead, through deep listening and open questions, to help each find his or her own clarity.
- ❖ **This is long-term work.** Expect and accept non-closure. Know that we won’t finish today.
- ❖ **Observe confidentiality.**
- ❖ **Others?**