

# HANDS ARE FOR HOLDING®

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD) WORKSHOP



The Hands are for Holding® program is a youth-centered workshop series which uses dance and movement to support the social and emotional learning (SEL) of young people.

**The Hands are for Holding® PD Workshop offers SEL tools to participants in a way that encourages choice and agency around how to best adopt them to their classrooms. In this way, the workshop builds upon the expertise of educators, school staff, and youth service providers by complimenting each person's unique approach to youth development.**

Through a combination of choreographed dance performance followed by conversation, resource sharing, and participatory activities, the HAFH PD Workshop supports educators by:

- **Building shared language around healthy relationships topics**
- **Exploring potential ways to implement SEL-focused embodiment activities in the classroom**
- **Offering self-care tools that might be applicable to the everyday life of young people and adults**
- **Sharing available resources and discussing strategies for supporting young people**

“Thank you Hands are for Holding. I am about to teach a Middle School Drama class. Your words for healthy relationships: Patience, Respect, Support, Equity, Negotiation and Trust are the springboard I was looking for to start my classes.

-Theater Teacher  
Hands are for Holding® PD  
Workshop Participant”

## LOGISTICS

### DURATION OF EACH WORKSHOP:

60 minutes

### AVAILABILITY:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

Min. of 5 – Max. of 80

### FORMAT:

In person or virtual workshops available

### COST:

\$1,000 per workshop



“ Thank you all so much for your support for our students and our community. We heard rave reviews from our staff who participated in the sessions, and we appreciated your arts- focused approach to SEL.

-Assistant Principal  
Hands are for Holding® School Partner”

**Developed in 2014 in close partnership with Day One and the Mayor's Office to End Domestic & Gender-Based Violence, the Hands are for Holding® program has reached over 35,000 young people, and over 190 schools and organizations, across the nation.**

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## BOOK A HANDS ARE FOR HOLDING® PD WORKSHOP

For more information and to bring a HAFH workshop to your community, please scan the QR code, visit [gibneydance.org/hands-are-for-holding](https://gibneydance.org/hands-are-for-holding) or contact Will Noling at [will@gibneydance.org](mailto:will@gibneydance.org).