

Dear CAGT members and friends,

Coloradoans are once again experiencing the grief and outrage caused by senseless gun violence, this time at a King Soopers in Boulder, Colorado. Our hearts go out to the ten victims who were taken on March 22, 2021 as well as to all of those who have been victims of gun violence. We stand beside the families and friends who are grieving for their lost loved ones as well as the communities in which these crimes occurred. We also honor the dedicated first responders who support our communities even at the peril of losing their own lives.

The Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented believes in supporting students, families, educators, and policy makers in building a just, humane, and safe world. We strive to ensure all students are seen for who they are and have their academic and social emotional needs met and nurtured.

When these traumatic events occur, we find ourselves supporting children who are processing these circumstances as we attempt to grapple with them ourselves. For support and advice in speaking to children about these and other traumatic events, please see the following resources:

- [The National Association for School Psychologists](#)
- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [Tips: Talking to Children After Traumatic Event](#)
- [Managing Strong Emotions Reactions to Traumatic Events](#)
- [What to Say to Children When the News is Scary \(podcast\)](#)

Additionally, if you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help and support, reach out to the Colorado Crisis Services by calling #1-844-493-8255 or text “talk” to 38255.

Our strongest resource is communication, as it is vital in navigating these painful events. Keeping an eye out for each other is the best safety measure for our children, students, staff, and our community. Please take time to connect with loved ones and share openly.

In closing, we encourage you to connect with the young people in your life. Together we can support our children and each other. We stand with all those impacted by this senseless violence.

Sincerely,  
The CAGT Executive Board