

RESPONSES TO STRESS – [VS] (SR-C)

This is a list of things about violence that children and teenagers sometimes find stressful or a problem to deal with. Please circle the number indicating how stressful the following things have been for you in the past 6 months.

	Not at All	A Little	Somewhat	Very
a. Seeing someone else get threatened with violent words	1	2	3	4
b. Getting threatened with violent words yourself	1	2	3	4
c. Seeing someone else get threatened with a weapon	1	2	3	4
d. Getting threatened with a weapon yourself	1	2	3	4
e. Seeing someone else get harassed or chased by gangs	1	2	3	4
f. Getting harassed or chased by gangs yourself	1	2	3	4
g. Seeing someone else get beaten up or jumped	1	2	3	4
h. Getting beaten up or jumped yourself	1	2	3	4
i. Seeing someone seriously hurt by another person	1	2	3	4
j. Other _____	1	2	3	4

Circle the number that shows how much control you generally think you have over these problems.

1 2 3 4
 None A little Some A lot

Below is a list of things that children and teenagers sometimes do, think, or feel when they are dealing with violence. Everyone deals with problems in their own way – some people do a lot of the things on this list or have a bunch of feelings, other people just do or think a few of these things.

Think of all the stressful parts of being around violence that you indicated above. For each item below, circle **one** number from 1 (not at all) to 4 (a lot) that shows **how much** you do or feel these things when you are around violence like the things you indicated above. Please let us know about everything you do, think, and feel, even if you don't think it helps make things better.

WHEN DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF VIOLENCE:	How much do you do this?			
	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot
1. I try not to feel anything.	1	2	3	4
2. When dealing with violence, I feel sick to my stomach or get headaches.	1	2	3	4
3. I try to think of different ways to change or fix the situation. Write one plan you thought of: _____ _____	1	2	3	4
4. When faced with the stress of violence, I don't feel anything at all, it's like I have no feelings.	1	2	3	4
5. I wish that I were stronger and less sensitive so that things would be different.	1	2	3	4
6. I keep remembering the violent thing that happened or can't stop thinking about what might happen.	1	2	3	4

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7. I let someone or something know how I feel. <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → Check all you talked to: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
8. I decide I'm okay the way I am, even though I'm not perfect.	1	2	3	4
9. When I'm around other people I act like the violent thing never happened.	1	2	3	4
10. I just have to get away from everything when I am dealing with the stress of violence.	1	2	3	4
11. I deal with the stress of violence by wishing it would just go away, that everything would work itself out.	1	2	3	4
12. I get really jumpy when I am dealing with the stress of violence.	1	2	3	4
13. I realize that I just have to live with things the way they are.	1	2	3	4
14. When I am dealing with the stress of violence, I just can't be near anything that reminds me of the situation.	1	2	3	4
15. I try not to think about it, to forget all about it.	1	2	3	4
16. When I am dealing with the stress of violence, I really don't know what I feel.	1	2	3	4
17. I ask other people or things for help or for ideas about how to make things better. <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → Check all you talked to: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
18. When I am trying to sleep, I can't stop thinking about the stressful aspects of violent things that happened or I have bad dreams about them.	1	2	3	4
19. I tell myself that I can get through this, or that I will be okay.	1	2	3	4
20. I let my feelings out. <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → I do this by: (Check all that you did.) <input type="checkbox"/> Writing in my journal/diary <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/painting <input type="checkbox"/> Complaining to let off steam <input type="checkbox"/> Being sarcastic/making fun <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music <input type="checkbox"/> Punching a pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising <input type="checkbox"/> Yelling <input type="checkbox"/> Crying <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
21. I get help from other people or things when I'm trying to figure out how to deal with my feelings. <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → Check all that you went to: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
22. I just can't get myself to face the stress of violence.	1	2	3	4
23. I wish that someone would just come and take away the stressful aspects of violence.	1	2	3	4

You're half done. Before you keep working, look back at the first page so you remember the aspects of violence that have been stressful for you lately. Remember to answer the questions below thinking about these things.

WHEN DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF VIOLENCE:	How much do you do this?			
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24. I do something to try to fix the problems with violence. Write one thing you did: _____ _____	1	2	3	4
25. Thoughts about violence just pop into my head.	1	2	3	4
26. When I am dealing with violence, I feel it in my body. (remember to circle a number.) → Check all that happen: <input type="checkbox"/> My heart races <input type="checkbox"/> My breathing speeds up <input type="checkbox"/> None of these <input type="checkbox"/> I feel hot or sweaty <input type="checkbox"/> My muscles get tight	1	2	3	4
27. I try to stay away from people and things that make me feel upset or remind me of violence.	1	2	3	4
28. I don't feel like myself when I am dealing with violence, it's like I am far away from everything.	1	2	3	4
29. I just take things as they are; I go with the flow.	1	2	3	4
30. I think about happy things to take my mind off violence or how I'm feeling .	1	2	3	4
31. When something stressful happens related to violence, I can't stop thinking about how I am feeling.	1	2	3	4
32. I get sympathy, understanding, or support from someone. (remember to circle a number.) → Check all you went to: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
33. When something stressful happens related to violence, I can't always control what I do. (remember to circle a number.) → Check all that happen: <input type="checkbox"/> I can't stop eating <input type="checkbox"/> I can't stop talking <input type="checkbox"/> I do dangerous things <input type="checkbox"/> I have to keep fixing/checking things <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
34. I tell myself that things could be worse.	1	2	3	4
35. My mind just goes blank when something stressful happens related to violence, I can't think at all.	1	2	3	4
36. I tell myself that it doesn't matter, that it isn't a big deal.	1	2	3	4
37. When I am faced with violence, right away I feel really: (remember to circle a number.) → Check all that you feel: <input type="checkbox"/> Angry <input type="checkbox"/> Sad <input type="checkbox"/> None of these <input type="checkbox"/> Worried/anxious <input type="checkbox"/> Scared	1	2	3	4
38. It's really hard for me to concentrate or pay attention when something stressful happens related to violence.	1	2	3	4
39. I think about the things I'm learning from the violence or the situation, or something good that will come from it.	1	2	3	4
40. After something stressful happens related to violence, I can't stop thinking	1	2	3	4

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about what I did or said.				
41. When violence happens, I say to myself, "This isn't real."	1	2	3	4
42. When I'm dealing with violence, I end up just lying around or sleeping a lot.	1	2	3	4
43. I keep my mind off violence by: <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → Check all that you do: <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising <input type="checkbox"/> Seeing friends <input type="checkbox"/> Watching TV <input type="checkbox"/> Playing video games <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a hobby <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
44. When something stressful happens related to violence, I get upset by things that don't usually bother me.	1	2	3	4
45. I do something to calm myself down when I'm dealing with the stress of violence. <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → Check all that you do: <input type="checkbox"/> Take deep breaths <input type="checkbox"/> Pray <input type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to music <input type="checkbox"/> Take a break <input type="checkbox"/> Meditate <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
46. I just freeze when I am dealing with violence, I can't do anything.	1	2	3	4
47. When stressful things happen related to violence I sometimes act without thinking.	1	2	3	4
48. I keep my feelings under control when I have to, then let them out when they won't make things worse.	1	2	3	4
49. When something stressful happens related to violence, I can't seem to get around to doing things I'm supposed to do.	1	2	3	4
50. I tell myself that everything will be all right.	1	2	3	4
51. When something stressful happens related to violence, I can't stop thinking about why this is happening.	1	2	3	4
52. I think of ways to laugh about it so that it won't seem so bad.	1	2	3	4
53. My thoughts start racing when I am faced with violence.	1	2	3	4
54. I imagine something really fun or exciting happening in my life.	1	2	3	4
55. When something stressful happens related to violence, I can get so upset that I can't remember what happened or what I did.	1	2	3	4
56. I try to believe that it never happened.	1	2	3	4
57. When I am dealing with the stress of violence, sometimes I can't control what I do or say.	1	2	3	4