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During International Women's Month, we're excited to introduce **Ask Jane**, a new feature named after our founder, Jane Addams. **Ask Jane** is your opportunity to ask questions of our clinical and social work teams — questions that keep you awake at night or greet you when you rise in the morning. Yes, the tough ones.

Here's a sample of questions we've been asked recently:

"What do I say to my student who just confided in me that he's being recruited by a gang?"

"This kid in my class just isn't doing his part. I have to interrupt lessons to deal with him. What can I do?"

"My teachers have compassion fatigue. How do I support them when we can barely keep up with the basics?"

"Is it true that boys don't have a language for discussing their feelings?"

"We just learned that several 7th grade girls are self-harming. We're not their parents. What should we do?"

"Should I keep my son back a year in Kindergarten?"

"How do I help my daughter, who is being bullied in class?"

Over the last year, it's been interesting to note that more of our time is being spent interacting with adults. It seems to us that they have burning questions and few opportunities to ask them. We know that frank questions may be seen as judgmental, critical or even uncaring. But the problems in our schools and our city are becoming even more challenging. Now is the time to ask tough questions. Our founder did and she helped change the world for the better.

Jane wrote "Social advance depends as much upon the process through which it is secured as upon the result itself." Means and ends are both important. With **Ask Jane** we honor the fearlessness of our founder by opening up the process to questions that must be addressed if we are to help kids improve their social and emotional well-being and functioning.

We welcome questions from principals, teachers, community and social workers, concerned citizens and especially parents. Your questions might be about kids in your school or community center to kids in your own home. Let's ask so we can advance the social good of our community together.

To submit your question to **Ask Jane**, click [HERE](#).

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