



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Parent Messages

- Some child behaviors could indicate possible sexual abuse (e.g., aggression, withdrawal, anxiety, sexually acting out).
- These behaviors can also occur for other reasons. It is important not to overreact.

Parent Skills

- Uses redirection, distraction, and limit setting for inappropriate acting out behaviors.
- Avoids blaming or shaming the child.
- Monitors child to exclude inappropriate adults, older children, TV, or other media.
- Takes child to the doctor or a Children's Advocacy Center if abuse is suspected.