

# Supporting An Anxious Child

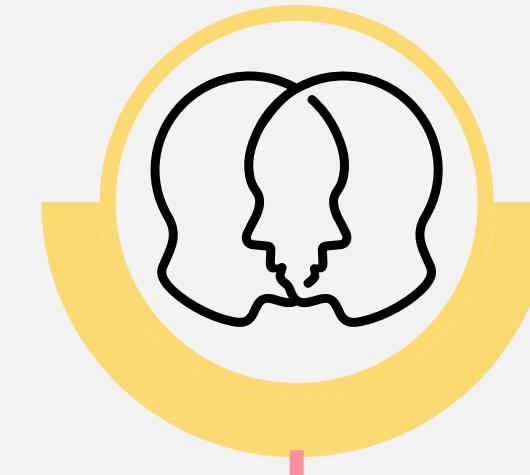
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## Safe Space

Provide a safe and nurturing environment where the child feels comfortable expressing their anxiety.

Establish clear boundaries and routines to help them feel secure.



## Validation

Let the child know that their anxiety is valid and that it's okay to feel anxious. Show empathy and understanding by saying things like, "I understand that you're feeling anxious, and it's okay to feel that way."



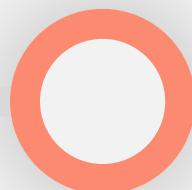
## Listen

Take the time to actively listen to the child's concerns and worries. Give them your full attention and avoid dismissing or trivializing their fears. Encourage open communication and create a non-judgmental space for them to express themselves.



## Relax

Teach the child simple relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, or visualization exercises. These techniques can help them calm their mind and body during moments of anxiety.

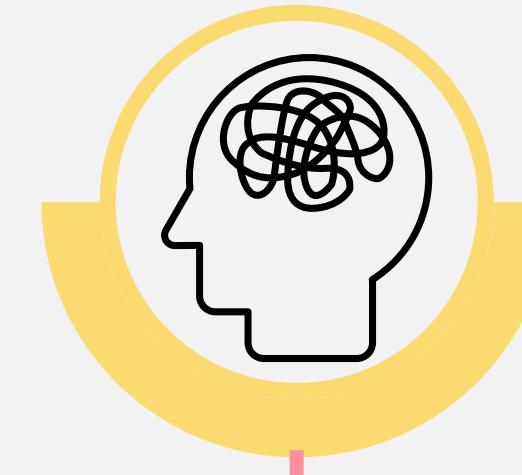


## Reassure

Offer reassurance and support by reminding the child that you are there for them. Let them know that they are not alone in their anxiety and that you will help them through it. Reassure them that their worries are temporary and manageable.

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## Challenge

Encourage the child to identify their anxious thoughts and help them challenge and reframe those thoughts in a more positive and realistic way. Teach them to question the evidence for their worries and to consider alternative perspectives.



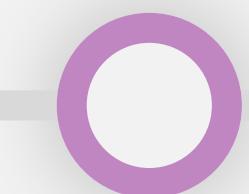
## Expose

If the child has specific fears or phobias, consider gradually exposing them to those fears in a controlled and supportive manner. This can help them build resilience and confidence in managing their anxiety.



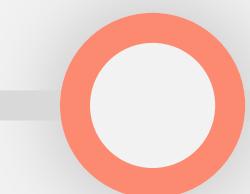
## Self-Care

Teach the child the importance of self-care activities such as regular exercise, healthy eating, and getting enough sleep. These practices can help reduce anxiety and promote overall well-being.



## Seek Help

If the child's anxiety significantly impacts their daily life and functioning, consider seeking professional help from a pediatrician, therapist, or counselor. They can provide additional support and guidance tailored to the child's specific needs.



## Breathe

Remember that anxiety can be challenging for both the child and their caregivers. It's important to be patient, understanding, and supportive throughout the process. Celebrate small victories and acknowledge their efforts in managing their anxiety.