

# WHAT'S HIDING BEHIND THE "MISBEHAVIORS"



## Common Behaviors and What's Really Going On

### WHAT YOU SEE

### WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON

#### SENSITIVE

- Cries over smallest things
- Gets sad when you leave
- Doesn't like being alone
- Can't watch super sad movies

- Child lacks self-regulation
- Child is worried about "new" things and need help gradually being introduced to them
- Child has an inner fear they are unable to verbalize

#### ANGRY

- Yells and screams often
- Throws things and is destructive
- Crosses arms and shuts down
- Shouts "I HATE YOU" or "GO AWAY"

- Child is unable to recognize emotions
- Child does not have appropriate coping strategies
- Child needs help with calming strategies
- Child is worried about "unknown" feelings

#### PERFECTIONIST

- Nervous about breaking rules
- Can't handle getting things wrong
- Doesn't ever want to miss school
- Scared of answering things wrong
- Struggles with Constructive Criticism

- Child is struggling with negative thought patterns
- Child needs help connecting thoughts and actions
- Child has trouble verbalizing their worries
- Child thrives on doing things the right way

#### SHY

- Hides behind your legs
- Scared of "new" people
- Fearful of change
- Doesn't like going new places
- Prefers playing with "familiar" friends

- Child is unable to verbalize big worries and fears
- Child is cautious of anything new and want to understand the situation fully
- Child needs help making plans for "new" adventures

#### OVER-EXCITED

- Becomes "hyper" when guests come over
- Says inappropriate things around others
- Makes jokes at inappropriate times
- Jumps on furniture
- Plays rough with others

- Child is unable to detect their inner "engine"
- Child needs help regulating their excitement
- Child lacks calming strategies for building anticipation