# How to Handle Your Child Bully

The most important thing you can do for your child is to make them feel loved and supported. From that, here are some do's and dont's that will help you navigate parenting a child who bullies their peers.

### DO's

## **DONT's**

Help them understand why bullying is a problem. Yell and punish them for their behaviors without conversation.

Be a positive role model by treating others with respect. Slander or speak negatively about your child's support system (teachers, coaches, etc.).

Keep your child busy and find new activities that they enjoy. Blame your child's school or other places of care for their behavior.

Supervise their time spent online and on electronic devices. Let your child explore the internet without parental controls and time limits.

### **Ready?**

For more information about how to help your child, please visit <u>https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Bullying-Its-Not-Ok.aspx</u>

### References

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