## How to nurture a child's mental health



Actively listen before offering vour advice



Be patient



Share and validate their feelings



Tell the truth



Model healthy behavior



Be consistent and follow through with what you promise



Believe them and in them



Practice relaxation exercises together



Recognize positive choices



Set and respect boundaries



Surround them with healthy adults



Teach them how to be safe



Use open ended questions about everything



Have scheduled family time



Limit electronic time for everyone



Reach out and hug them



Model forgiveness



Be present



Respond calmly when their emotions are elevated



View their behavior as a window to their needs and feelings



Make play and exercise a requirement

