Three steps to support dysregulated child

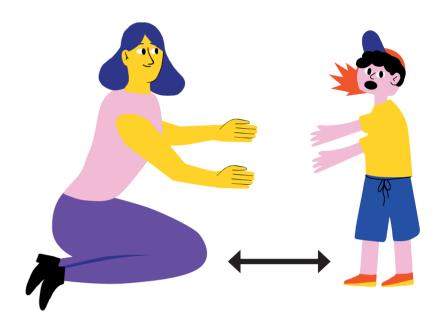
A child with developed means of regulation through attuned and sensitive care is able to **control impulses and calm down** in most situations.

> A child with undeveloped regulatory skills due to adverse experiences or developmental disorders has difficulty managing their emotions and behavior and needs our help to calm down.



The child is restless, irritable, angry or numb.

Do not put pressure on the child. Limit verbal instructions. Provide safe space and time. Offer somatosensory aids and activities. Monitor.





Relate 🤳



Calm yourself. Prevent the situation from getting worse.

Connect. Use calm and respectful non-verbal communication. Show empathy and concern. Name and validate child's feelings. Monitor.



Reason





Make sure the child is calm and able to reflect.

Name what triggered the situation and what helped to manage it. **Explain** your instructions and expectations to meet them. Work together to create workable rules for the future.



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