10 Ways to Help Your ADHD Child

- 1. Use visual or written reminders for routines and rules (i.e. House rules, chores, hygiene, etc.).
- 2. Be clear about expectations and rules so that you do not get into power struggles and arguments.
- 3. Have realistic expectations that take your child's strengths and weaknesses into account.
- 4. Model self control and take breaks when you or your child need time and space to calm down.
- 5. Use external cues such as timers to remind you and your child to keep track of time.
- 6. Avoid situations that increase time pressure for you and your child.
- 7. Avoid comparing your child to peers and siblings.
- 8. Establish a good relationship and regular communication with your child's teacher.
- 9. Encourage exercise as a healthy outlet for emotions and excess energy.
- 10. Break down difficult tasks or assignments into manageable chunks.

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