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What Parents and Caregivers Can Do

Create a family media plan. Agreed-upon expectations can help establish healthy technology boundaries at home – including social media use.

Create tech-free zones and encourage children to foster in-person friendships. Consider restricting the use of phones, tablets, and computers for at least 1 hour before bedtime and through the night.

Model responsible social media behavior. Parents can set a good example of what responsible and healthy social media use looks like and modeling positive behavior on your social media accounts.

Teach kids about technology and empower them to be responsible online participants at the appropriate age.

Report cyberbullying, online abuse and exploitation.

Work with other parents to help establish shared norms and practices and to support programs and policies around healthy social media use.