

WAYS CHILDREN'S ANXIETY SHOWS UP



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CHANDELIERING

Chandeliering is when a seemingly calm person suddenly flies off the handle for no reason. They have pushed hurt and anxiety so deep for so long that a seemingly innocent comment or event suddenly sends them straight through the chandelier.



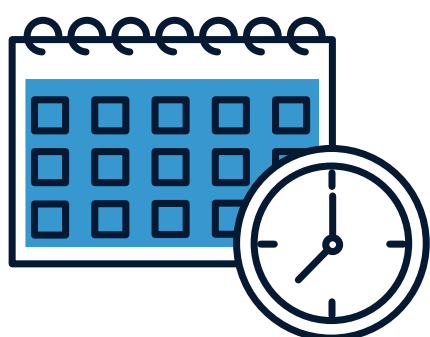
AVOIDANCE

Children who are trying to avoid a particular person, place or task online often end up experiencing more of whatever it is they are avoiding.



LACK OF FOCUS

Children with anxiety are often so caught up in their own thoughts that they do not pay attention to what is going on around them.



DIFFICULTY SLEEPING

in children, having difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep is one of the hallmark characteristics of anxiety

ANGER

The perception of danger, stress, or opposition is enough to trigger the fight or flight response leaving your child angry and without a way to communicate why.



DEFIANCE

Unable to communicate what is really going on, it is easy to interpret the child's defiance as a lack of discipline instead of an attempt to control a situation where they feel anxious and helpless.



NEGATIVITY

People with anxiety tend to experience negative thoughts at a much greater intensity than positive ones.



OVERPLANNING

Overplanning and defiance go hand in hand in their root cause. Where anxiety can cause some children to try to take back control through defiant behavior, it can cause others to over plan for situations where planning is minimal or unnecessary.



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