# IO module overview

# Being a parent

- We are doing the best we can
- Beginners' mind and constancy of presence
- Focussing on the magic of our children
- Validating ourselves as parents

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## Supporting children to be self-reliant

- Basic criteria for being an effective helper
- Develop basic listening skills
- Awareness of non-verbal communication

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## Challenging

- Problem ownership revisited
- 5 step model to challenge unacceptable behaviours
- Finding a solution through consensus and negotiation
- Say "no" in a gentle and firm wa

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## Welcoming our emotions

- Emotions are messengers
- No good nor bad emotions they just are
- Our emotions in our body: sensations and thoughts
- Being kind to ourselves

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## **Active Listening** Introduction

- Simple acknowledgements
- Door openers
- open-ended questions
- What could get in the way
- Feedback model

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## **Communicating our Truths and Feelings**

- Developing a vocabulary of feelings
- Connection between feelings, sensations and thoughts
- Acceptable ways to express our feelings
- Truth and Lies

## The power of language

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- The effect of labelling
- Focusing on the behaviour and not the person
- Describing what we want
- Praise vs encouragement

# **Reflective Listening -**Part I

- Reflective Listening: introduction
- Mirroring content and emotions
- Peeling the onion exploration

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## The Journey continues

• Our life continues to unfold as a human being and as a parent

### **Needs and wants**

- Needs underlying behaviours
- Whois the most affected?
- Difference between needs and wants
- We are more than the roles we play in life
- Nurture ourselves from within

## **Reflective Listening -**Part 2

- Reflective Listening to oneself
- Trusting the speaker to find their own solution
- Allowing the speaker feel their emotion
- When not to use it

### On the Parenting Journey