

Get Your Sleep Back.

5 THINGS
Tired Parents
SHOULD STOP DOING

TO SLEEP MORE

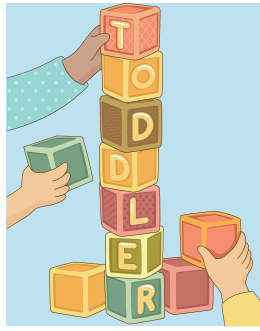
get unstuck and

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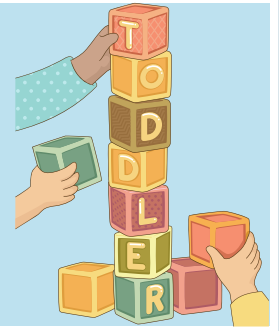
- GET THE GOODNESS -

Your download has
arrived, and I'm not
going to lie... IT'S A
GOOD ONE.





things to stop for more sleep



1.

set the bedtime and stick to it. YOUR KIDS ARE OVERTIRED AND MISERABLE

I hear from so many parents about how they keep their children up later so they sleep in more and do not fight back as much going to sleep. The problem with that theory, it's 100% inaccurate.

(And they usually wake up more.)

When a child is overtired, their body is flooded with stimulant hormones, that stay with them from bedtime throughout the night, causing disruptions in their consolidated and restorative sleep that helps them wake refreshed. 🤤

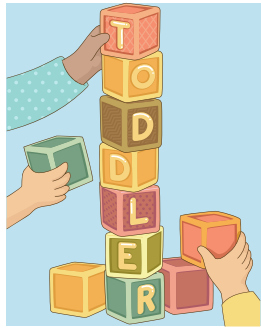
NEW ACTIONS TO TAKE:

Setup the age-appropriate bedtime for your child.

(p.s. they need more sleep than you think)

Be firm in your new rules about bedtime.

Use a timer to setup the transition and signal it's bedtime.



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2.

limit exposure to devices

THEY ARE OVERSTIMULATED AND CAN'T CALM THEIR MINDS

Virtually schooling in the recent pandemic has triggered a jump of nearly 500% in the total amount of time your child is on a screen in a single day. (Ummmm....yikes)

When it's the only option, what as parents are we supposed to do?

How do we best support their learning and education while balancing the exposure to addictive devices, ensuring our kids continue to learn and be all the things to our jobs, spouse and family at the same time?

NEW ACTIONS TO TAKE:

Keep the bedroom a device-free space.

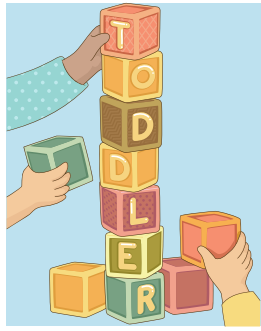
(kids delay bed or wake early just to watch, text and engage with friends)

Buy **blue-light blocking** glasses for your children.

Set a limit on 'off-school' hours for device use.

Mirror the behavior you want them to emulate.

Dedicate 10 minutes a day of child-guided 1-1 time.



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3.

teach them to *use their breath*

BEING MINDFUL INCREASES SELF AWARENESS AND JOY

How do you disconnect but stay connected with your children and empower them to be the best version of themselves every day in school and at home?

How do you show up and remain balanced and in control in a time of chaos and uncertainty?

(breathe)

With anxiety, depression, and sleep deprivation on the rise, teaching your children the power of mindfulness, not just to manage anxiety, but to relax, improve sleep, practice gratitude, and have empathy for others is the best gift you can give them and it will last a lifetime.

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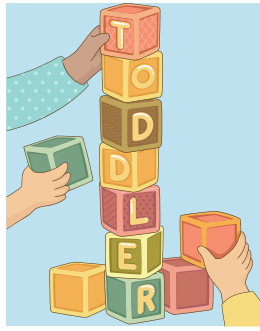
Set aside time during the bedtime routine to practice mindfulness.

(Use a product like a [Zenimal](#)- our personal favorite)

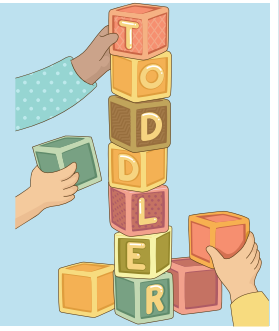
Use the time to practice the meditations with them.

(it will be good for your balance and regulation too mom.)

Set aside breaks in the day, where you sit together and take 5 deep breaths, stand-up and give the body a shake.



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4.

create a solid *bedtime routine* IF THE BOUNDARY IS FLEXIBLE, THEY WILL BREAK IT

A consistent bedtime routine helps children to understand what the expectations are around sleep. The routines we setup help signal sleep is coming and what they learn is what they come to expect for bedtime and even in the middle of the night.

The routine should be limited to 30 minutes, and include calming activities like a warm bath, storytelling, reading or journaling. A cuddle or snuggle is OK, just make sure it's not to sleep, or you will be laying in there for hours.

(which may be how you found me.)

NEW ACTIONS TO TAKE:

Use a timer to setup transitions from calming time to sleep time.

Empower them to make choices.

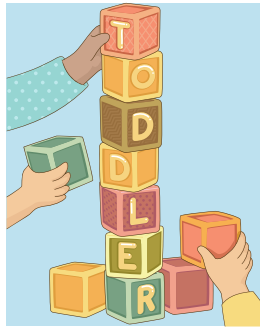
("You can select this book or that book.")

Kids like to be in control but YOU have to set the boundaries

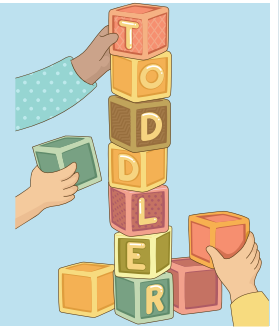
Consequence the wrong behavior.

Teach them to settle without you.

(ask yourself if they "want" you or "need" you and balance your response off that answer.)



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5.

get some *fresh air*

SUNLIGHT AND EXERCISE ARE NECESSARY FOR THE BODY

The weather fluctuates but the time your kids get outside shouldn't. Experts agree that 60 minutes of outdoor play is good for their mind and their body.

Sunlight also helps regulate a child's circadian rhythm and their body's natural clock. This helps to ensure they are ready for rest. Exercise releases soothing endorphins into the bloodstream and can help with the production of melatonin which makes us feel sleepy.

NEW ACTIONS TO TAKE:

Build in outdoor play time into the schedule.

(a family walk after dinner is our new thing)

Create fun but simple games for them, like a scavenger hunt.

(on rainy days, we have timed races around the first floor - mom is the reigning champ)

Setup playdates in the neighborhood outside, when you can.

Socialization during this time is important for children of all ages.

(Do your best based on your circumstances)

Fresh air is good for you and them. Make the time and get outside.



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We talk about:

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- What's working, what isn't
- What you'd like to see change

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