Protective Objectives

to empower children
against sexual abuse

**Talk Truthfully**

Using anatomically correct words for body parts helps to reduce feelings of embarrassment when a child may want to talk or need help to keep their body healthy and safe.

**Establish Rules**

When children understand that private parts are not for sharing and that it's important to tell if someone does, it can encourage a disclosure sooner, preventing or ending an abusive situation.

**Support Autonomy**

Allowing children to choose when and with whom they are affectionate not only empowers them to understand they are the bosses of their body, it also teaches them to value their instincts and prioritize their personal safety.

**Protect the Bond**

Fostering a positive and supportive relationship with our children helps protect them from the lures and manipulation of predators.

**Affirm Innocence**

Children deserve to know that abuse is never their fault, it is the job of adults to protect children and no matter what - it is never too late to tell.