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Chapter 14: Parenting—Glossary

affirm. To positively validate an action or thing.

child abuse. Harm to a child that is done on purpose, which may be physical, emotional, or sexual.

child neglect. Failure to meet a child's needs.

fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). A condition that causes permanent physical and cognitive disabilities in children. This syndrome occurs when alcohol is consumed during pregnancy.

guidance. Words and actions parents or guardians use to affect their children's behavior.

over-the-counter medications. Drugs sold legally without a prescription.

positive discipline. Intentional methods parents or guardians use to teach their children acceptable behavior.

sacrifice. To give up time or a belonging to benefit someone or something else.

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). A form of physical abuse characterized by severe trauma to the brain. This can occur if a parent violently shakes a baby out of frustration for inconsolable crying.

sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). When an apparently healthy infant dies suddenly without warning or cause.

unconditional love. Love given freely without conditions or limits.