# CALM the CHAOS

# What's Hiding Behind the "Misbehaviors"

## Common Behaviors and What's Really Going On

#### WHAT"MISBEHAVIOR" YOU SEE

#### SENSITIVE

- · Cries over smallest things
- Gets sad when you leave
- Doesn't like being alone
- Can't watch super sad movies

#### - ANGRY

- Yells and screams often
- · Throws things and is destructive
- Crosses arms and shuts down
- · Shouts "I HATE YOU" or "GO AWAY"

### WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON

- · Child lacks self-regulation
- Child is worried about "new" things and need help gradually being introduced to them
- Child has an inner fear they are unable to verbalize
- Child is unable to recognize emotions
- Child does not have appropriate coping strategies
- Child needs help with calming strategies
- · Child is worried about "unknown" feelings

#### PERFECTIONIST

- · Nervous about breaking rules
- · Can't handle getting things wrong
- · Doesn't ever want to miss school
- · Scared of answering things wrong
- · Struggles with Constructive Criticism
- Child is struggling with negative thought patterns
- Child needs help connecting thoughts and actions
- · Child has trouble verbalizing their worries
- Child thrives on doing things the right way

#### SHY

- Hides behind your legs
- Scared of "new" people
- · Fearful of change
- · Doesn't like going new places
- Prefers playing with "familiar" friends
- Child is unable to verbalize big worries and fears
- Child is cautious of anything new and want to understand the situation fully
- Child needs help making plans for "new"

### OVER-EXCITED

- Becomes "hyper" when guests come over
- Says inappropriate things around others
- Makes jokes at inappropriate times
- · Jumps on furniture
- · Plays rough with others

- Child is unable to detect their inner "engine"
- Child needs help regulating their excitement
- Child lacks calming strategies for building anticipation