

## “Using Clear Language”

*Instructions:* After each of the vague words or phrases below, write another word or phrase that more accurately describes the behavior or goal.

1. Poor peer relations
2. Disruptive behavior
3. Hyperactive
4. Insecure
5. Poor attitude
6. Promiscuous
7. Poor parenting skills
8. Awkwardness
9. Displays appropriate behavior
10. Dresses appropriately
11. Demonstrates stability
12. Improve social skills
13. Abused child
14. Neglects children
15. Responds appropriately
16. Acting-out behavior
17. Hostile attitude

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