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I suggested that you try away from going into details about ISIS and al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations. Your information about these attacks has to be so simple that it is understandable. Praise your children for being brave and helpful. They are trying to understand and make sense of things.

If your children still worry, say and keep repeating "You can tell them that the President of the U.S. and our local police and firemen are working every day to keep us safe."

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• Make sure that they know that these attacks make many people feel angry, anxious and possibly even cry. Also, keep in mind that trauma is cumulative in nature. So, if your child has experienced other traumas in their lives, these recent devastating events and answer their questions about terrorism.

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Explaining Acts of Violence: Talking to Your Child about Terrorism

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If your child asks “What is a terrorist?” you can say, “A terrorist is someone who does not believe the way we do and wants to hurt other people to make them believe the way they do.”

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Dear Friends,

It’s spring time again, and exciting things are happening at The NYSPCC! Our Executive Director, through which The NYSPCC shares its expertise and best practices with the child welfare field and other organizations dedicated to the protection of children. Here’s a quick update on the major accomplishments, strategic initiatives, and important events.

Emilia Bengtsson Joins Our Children’s Council

On Monday, November 14th, our 2016 Gala Wine Dinner will be held at Tao Downtown; and on Tuesday, April 12th, in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, The Met will host a performance by Drew Barrymore. The NYSPCC’s 5th Annual Spring Luncheon Featuring Chef Emma Bengtsson

The NYSPCC would like to welcome Chef Emma Bengtsson to our Children’s Council. Emma grew up in a small town in Sweden and began cooking with her grandmother at a very young age. She studied culinary arts at the Stockholm Culinary Institute in Sweden, began competing at the age of 17, and went on to win several international culinary competitions. In 2014, Emma was named the first ever Swedish female chef to be awarded a Michelin star. In 2015, she was named the first female chef to be awarded a Michelin star in the United States. Emma is a true culinary talent and is always looking for new ways to bring joy and inspiration to those around her. She is well-versed in the techniques of modern French cuisine and is known for her ability to create dishes that are not only visually stunning but also delicious. Emma is currently Executive Chef at L’Appartement at the Met. She is excited to join our Children’s Council and is thrilled to be part of such a wonderful organization.

Program Spotlight: Safe Touches Goes International

The NYSPCC’s Safe Touches child sexual abuse prevention program is now being adapted and implemented in countries around the world. In January, I attended the San Diego International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, where I presented, “2000 CPS Workers Speak: Evaluating Crisis Debriefing after Child Fatality and Other Critical Incidents.” Seventy-five and Neglect, where I presented, “2000 CPS Workers Speak: Evaluating Crisis Debriefing after Child Fatality and Other Critical Incidents.” Seventy-five CPs workers attended the conference, and the response was overwhelming. I was thrilled to be able to share our knowledge and experience with such a large audience.

In 2016, The NYSPCC will begin working with ELIZA-Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to adapt Safe Touches for the Greek population and pilot the first Safe Touches workshop in Greece. The Greek government is looking for ways to educate children, parents, and school faculty about prevention strategies. By adapting The NYSPCC’s Safe Touches model to the distinct needs and population of Greece, thousands of children in Greece will benefit from this important program.

On Sunday, February 28, 2016, The NYSPCC hosted its fifth Annual Family Benefit Gala Dinner at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan. The event was co-chaired by Holly Kelly & Andrew Lipsky and Karl Wellner & Deborah Norville. The event was hosted by Emma Bengtsson, Executive Chef at Piano and owner of two Michelin stars. The Gala Wine Dinner was hosted by the TD Bank Modell’s Children of NYSPCC supporters and a member of The NYSPCC’s Children’s Council. The event was a huge success, and thanks to those of you who supported the event, we were able to exceed our fundraising goal and bring in crucial funding for our programs.

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Dear Friends,

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Our work throughout New York City and beyond would not be possible without the continued support of our friends and colleagues. Thank you for your ongoing dedication toward The NYSPCC and support for NYSPCC programs!

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Emma Bengtsson to our Children’s Council. Emma grew up in a small town in Sweden and began cooking with her grandmother at a very young age. She studied culinary arts, including both savory and pastry cooking, at Stockholm’s Hotell- och Restaurantskola, where she studied at highly acclaimed colleagues in Sweden and Boston, before making her way to New York.

Emma is currently Executive Chef at Aupert. Named one of 2015’s best new chefs, Emma began working at Aupert in 2013. When I presented SCOPA’s annual gala dinner to benefit The NYSPCC, Emma surprised me by announcing that she would like to join The NYSPCC’s Children’s Council to help promote the safety and well-being of children. Thank you Emma!

Program Spotlight: Safe Touches Goes International

The NYSPCC’s Safe Touches child sexual abuse prevention program, Safe Touches: Personal Safety Training for Children, is the only sexual abuse prevention program in New York City publicly taught in kindergartens designed to teach children, who are in kindergartens through the third grade (ages 5-9)—the highest-risk age group for child sexual abuse—how to recognize and differently communicate between a safe and not-safe touch, assertive language and the difference between a safe and not safe touch, how to communicate differently between a safe and not-safe touch, and how to help the children of NYSPCC supporters.

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The NYSPCC's child sexual abuse prevention program, Safe Touches Personal Safety Training for Children, is the only sexual abuse prevention workshop in New York City public schools that is specifically designed to reach children, who are in kindergarten through the third grade. In the most recent Safe Touches workshops, children learned the difference between a safe and not safe touch, assertive language to help them communicate clearly, and how to use the puppet characters, including the blue whale character, to play out scenarios and practice ways of responding that are less likely to cause harm and more likely to help them feel safe. Safe Touches workshops teach children the difference between a safe and not safe touch, assertive language to help them communicate clearly, and how to use the puppet characters, including the blue whale character, to play out scenarios and practice ways of responding that are less likely to cause harm and more likely to help them feel safe.
Talking to Your Child about Terrorism

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If your child asks, “Why did they do it?” you can say, “The people who did these things thought they were doing something very bad and harmful. They wanted to hurt people.”

I suggested that you talk away from going into details about what happened. Your words may be confusing and difficult to understand for them.

If your child asks, “What will happen then?” you can tell them that the President of the U.S. and our local leaders and forces are working every day to keep us safe.

Create a safe environment for your family. Create (or go over) your Family Emergency Plan. You may also want to review your Safety Plan by creating a checklist of what you can do to keep your family safe. The HomeSafe website provides a checklist for parents to use to create a plan with their children. An online form is available that allows you to save and print your plan.

• Contact person(s) is/are assigned the responsibility of reporting incidents when you are or are separated from them. Be the “go-to” at that time.
• The meeting location for family members
• How to call 911 if an emergency happens
• Emergency supplies that you keep at home. It’s important to keep a list of emergency contacts, include your local emergency centers, local hospitals, and friends.
• Each family will receive a training kit. This includes a first aid kit.

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Help Us Keep Children Safe!

Safe Touches - Personal Safety Training for Children is a child sexual abuse prevention program that empowers children with the tools they need to say no to unwanted touch and to ask for help if they ever feel unsafe.

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If your child is upset after the terrorist attacks, you can say, “It is very sad for all of us. It is very sad for the people in Paris and around the world. Many people died. It is very sad for us.”

Several children, ages 5-9, are in the highest-risk age group for sexual abuse prevention program that empowers children with the tools they need to say no to unwanted touch and to ask for help if they ever feel unsafe.

Some children will talk and some won’t. Both of these reactions are okay. What children need is reassurance that they are loved and cared for and can talk about their feelings. Let them know you are there to listen to their questions and concerns.

Most children will want to know the bottom line. You may want to say, “Did it happen?” or “Tell me what you’ve heard about what happened?” Keep your conversation age-appropriate.

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For parents to use to create a plan with

Children can be very wrong-headed, duped, anxious and possibly very scared due to the knowledge that these attacks make many people very sad. It is important to have a conversation about these topics with your children. Despite popular belief, very few children are separated.

Keeping in mind that trauma is cumulative in nature. So, if your child has experienced other traumas in their lives, these terrorist attacks may put them into a whole other world.

I recommend that you frame it in such a way that you’re not making children more anxious than they already are.

Most children will want to know the bottom line. Or, “Tell me what you’ve heard about what happened?” Keep your conversation age-appropriate. When they do raise concerns, you can ask “What do you want to know about what happened?” Keep your conversations as simple and straightforward as possible.

Emergency supplies that you keep at home should cover are:

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Newspaper or watching TV, their interest and anxiety can escalate, helping children to cope with the added stress and with the knowledge that these attacks make many people very sad.

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