The **ZONES** of



Regulation®

With Ms. Charnock Monday 24th May 2021

AIMS:

- Overview of self-regulation
- To understand how 'The Zones of Regulation' works
- Self-regulation tools
 - Calming techniques
 - Thinking strategies
 - Sensory supports



DEFINITION OF SELF-REGULATION:

"...it is defined as the capacity to manage one's thoughts, feelings and actions in adaptive and flexible ways across a range of contexts."

Jude Nicholas

It encompasses:

- Self-control
- Resilience
- Self-management
- Anger management
- Impulse control
- · Sensory regulation



WHY IS SELF-REGULATION IMPORTANT?

Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.

Charles Swindoll

Research has found that higher academic achievement is more likely when interventions include self-regulation components.

 Typically, children who can self-regulate will turn into teens who can self-regulate.

A person who can self-regulate is able to:

· remain CALM AND ORANISED in a stressful situation.

(Executive Functions)

cheer themselves up after a disappointment.

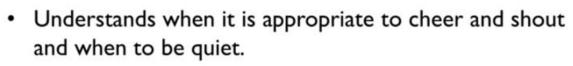
(Emotional Regulation)





 knows when they are experiencing sensory overload and can make adjustments.

(Sensory processing)



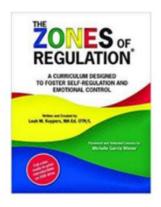
(Social cognition)



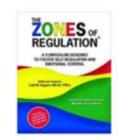
WHAT ARE THE **ZONES** OF REGULATION®?

Teaches students:

- Vocabulary of emotional terms
- How to recognise their own emotions
- How to detect the emotions of others (read others' facial expressions)
- What may trigger certain emotions
- How others may interpret their behaviour
- Problem solving skills



WHY TEACH THE **ZONES** OF REGULATION®?



 Provides a common language to discuss emotions – a language that is non-judgemental.

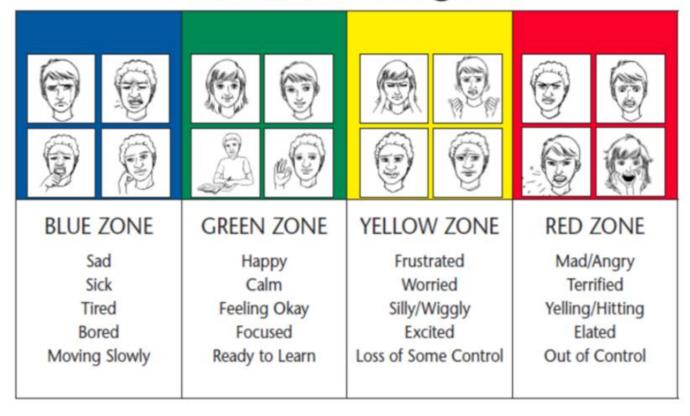
 The Zones of Regulation is simple for children to understand but is helpful for all!

 The Zones teach healthy coping and regulation strategies.

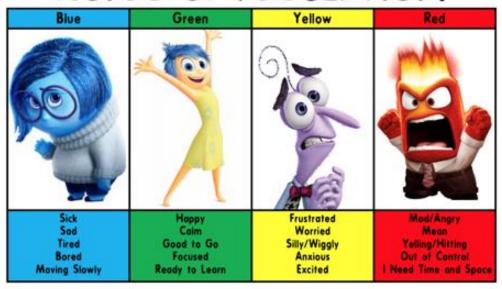


- Blue Zone: sad, sick, tired or bored (low state of alertness brain and/or body is moving slowly or sluggishly).
- Green Zone: in control, calm, happy and ready to learn (regulated state of alertness).
- Yellow Zone: more intense emotions and states but able to maintain control, worried, frustrated, silly, excited, scared or overwhelmed (heightened state of alertness but you still have some control).
- Red Zone: elated, angry, wild, terrified. (heightened state of alertness and out of control).

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

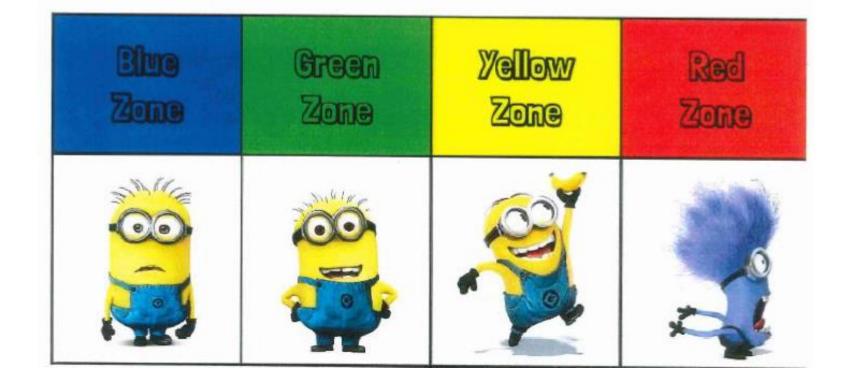


ZONES OF REGULATION!



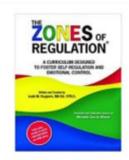
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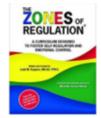
KEY POINTS:





- Everyone experiences all of the Zones at different times and in different circumstances.
- We can't change the way children feel BUT we can help them manage their feelings/states and behaviours. "It's OK to be angry but it is not OK to hit..."
- You can be in more than one Zone at a time (eg. sad AND angry).

KEY POINTS:



 If your child is confidently using words to describe their emotions, they don't need to revert to Zones language HOWEVER it is useful for them to know the strategy groups that will help them.

Eg. sick or tired = blue zone strategies

If your child is in the Red Zone...

- Limit verbals this is not a teachable moment.
- Discuss use of tools when child is regulated.
- Plan for if/when child is in Red Zone. "Wonder if this strategy would help...?"



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Blue

Low Energy

The **Blue Zone** is used to describe low states of alertness, such as when one feels sad, tired, sick, or bored.



Green

Just right

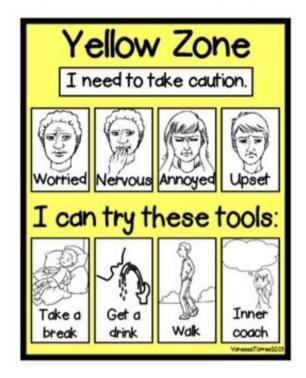
The **Green Zone** is used to describe a calm state of alertness. A person may be described as happy, focused, content, or ready to learn when in the Green Zone. Being in the Green Zone will help students be successful in the classroom.



Yellow

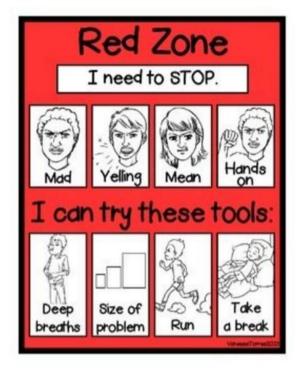
High energy / loss of control

The **Yellow Zone** is also used to describe a heightened state of alertness and elevated emotions; however, one has some control when they are in the Yellow Zone. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness, the wiggles, or nervousness when in the Yellow Zone.



Out of Control

The **Red Zone** is used to describe extremely heightened states of alertness and intense emotions. A person may be elated or experiencing anger, rage, explosive behavior, devastation, or terror when in the Red Zone. A person is described as "out of control" if in the Red Zone.



BLUE

Describes low states of alertness, such as when one feels sad, tried, sick, or bored. This is when one's body and/or brain is moving slowly or sluggishly.

REST AREA

GREEN

Describes a regulated state of alertness. A person may be described as calm, happy, focused, or content when in the Green Zone. This is the zone students generally need to be in for schoolwork and for being social. Being in the Green Zone shows control.

GOOD TO GO!

YELLOW

pescribes a heightened state of alertness; however, a person has some control when in the Yellow Zone. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness and many more slightly elevated emotions and states when in this zone.

SLOW DOWN

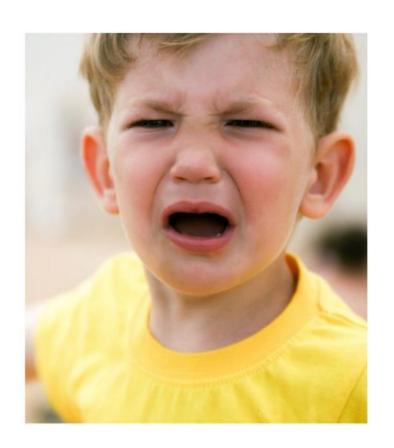
RED

Describes extremely
heightened states of
alertness or very intense
feelings. A person may be
experiencing anger, rage,
explosive behaviour, panic,
terror, or elation when in
the Red Zone.

STOP

Red Zone Moments

- Safety is first priority
- Limit verbals
- This is not a teachable moment
- Validate the student's feelings
- Evoke some of the emotion in yourself
- Give them time and space
- Process later using STOP, OPT and GO Solution Finder
- Designated safe spot
- Avoid power struggles
- Teach all tools in a calm regulated state





'Stop, Opt, and Go'

- Learn how to stop (STOP), consider options (OPT) before you act (GO).
- Use the stop, opt, and go if your body is no longer in the green zone

STOP, OPT AND GO

Finding solutions to control my zones

My Trigger and/or the Situation: STOP My options (choices Think of your aptions and how they may or many not belo-GO Use STOP, OPT and GO to control your zone when a trigger and/or a situation Go with the has taken you out of the Green Zonel STOP. Take a second to think. OPT. Brainstorm your choices. Some are better than others. Think of many optional GO. Choose which option helps you manage your emotions and behavior THE ZONES the best and use it! OF REGULATION Write your aptions on the lines above. Cross off any choices. that may cause new problems or won't help you manage yourself. Circle your better options. My preferred OPTION is: _

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Expected and Unexpected Behaviours

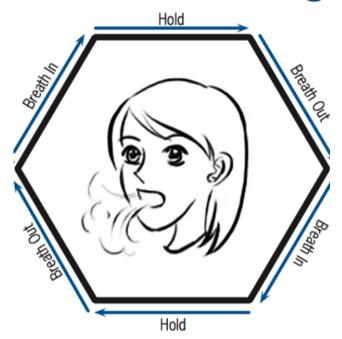
- Expected behaviours are the behaviours that give people around you good or comfortable thoughts about you.
- Classroom rules are the expected behaviors in the classroom and are taught consistently.
- Unexpected behaviours are the behaviors that give people uncomfortable thoughts about you.
- It is important to teach children about how unexpected behaviors can affect their learning, as well as the learning of others.



Tools and Strategies

- Children can develop a toolbox, which is a collection of **personal** strategies a student can pull from depending on the present need.
- Calming or alerting techniques that help the student in regulation.
- Stop, Opt, Go concept to help control impulses and problem solving better solutions..

The Six Sides of **Breathing**



UNDERSTANDING ZONE TOOLS:



Blue Zone tools: help wake up our bodies, feel better and regain focus.

Green Zone tools: help us stay calm, focused and feeling good. These are often proactive strategies.

Yellow Zone tools: help us regain control and calm ourselves.

Red Zone tools: help us stay safe and start to calm down.

Pick 2/3 for each Zone (depends on child).





Zones Toolbox Visual

Brue Zone Tools	Green Zone Tools	Yellow Zone Tools	Hed Zone Tools
Stretich	Drink Water	Inner Coach	Talk to Someone
Rest	Read	Talk to Someone	Inner Coach
Exercise	Healthy Eating	Deep Breathing	Listen to Music
Listen to Music	Write in Journal	Take a Broak	Size of the Problem
Talk is Out	Gratibude	Flexible Thirlding	Deep Breathing
Inner Coach	Exercise	Size of the Problem	Find a Friend
Chair Push Ups	Practice Mindfulness	Fidget Tools	Count to 10
Drink Water	Spend Time in Nature	Chair Push Ups.	Take a Break/Safe Spot

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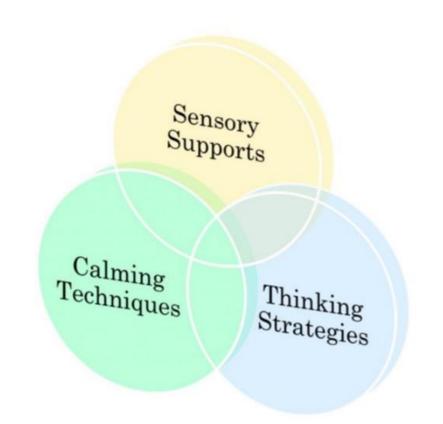
COPING TOOLS: What Helps Me







TOOLS FOR SELF-REGULATION





SENSORY STRATEGIES:

- Bear Hug
- Swing/rock
- Go for a walk
- Wall push ups
- Sucking smoothie through straw
- Chewy foods (eg. thick slice of bread)
- Blow bubbles
- Classical music
- Roll on an exercise ball
- Trampoline
- Blanket roll







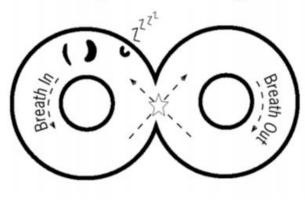
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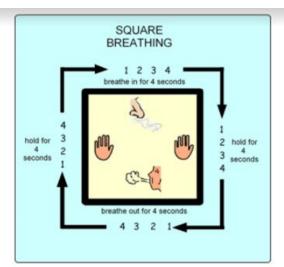


CALMING STRATEGIES



Lazy 8 **Breathing**





The Six Sides of **Breathing**



MINDFUL BREATHING

COUNTING

- Forward and backward
- Count objects
- Count colours
- Count breaths
- Count pulse



CALMING ACTIVITIES

Puzzles

Listen to Music

Draw/Paint

Origami

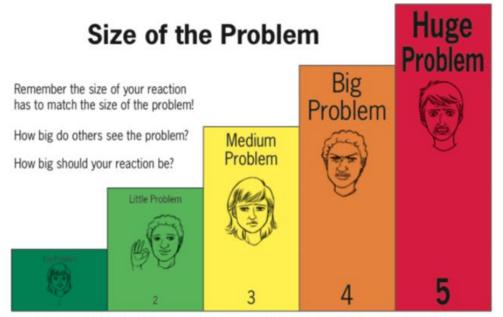
Play-Doh/clay

Read

Stack Rocks







-SIZE OF THE PROBLEM LEARNING STARTS IN YEAR 2.

-YEAR 3 – 6 EXPLORES EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED
REACTIONS... MAKE SURE YOU FREQUENTLY PRAISE YOUR
CHILD FOR HAVING EXPECTED REACTIONS RATHER THAN JUST
POINTING OUT THE UNEXPECTED.

WHAT CAN I SAY TO MAYSELF?

INSTEAD OF ... TRY THINKING

I'MM NOT GOOD AT THIS

I'MA AWESOMME AT THIS

I GIVE UP!

THIS IS TOO HARD

I CAN'T MAKE THIS ANY **FETTER**

I CAN'T DO MATH

I MADE A MISTAKE

·I'LL NEVER BE AS SMART 15 HER

IT'S GOOD ENOUGH

-WHAT AM I MISSING?

-I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK

-I'LL USE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES I'VE LEARNED

-THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME AND EFFORT

- I CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE: I'LL KEEP TRYING

-I'MA GOING TO TRAIN MAY BRAIN IN MATH

-MISTAKES HELP ME IMPROVE

-I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE DOES AND TRY IT

-IS THIS REALLY MAY BEST WORK?

INNER COACH VS **INNER CRITIC**



Other helpful ideas...



Mindfulness practice

Mindfulness meditation involves sitting silently and paying attention to thoughts, sounds, the sensations of breathing or parts of the body, bringing your attention back whenever the mind starts to wander.



Mindfulness

Breathing:

https://copingskillsforkids.com/ deep-breathing-exercises-forkids

Activity ideas:

https://parentswithconfidence.c om/25-mindfulness-practicesfor-kids-who-cant-sit-still/



FuzzyBee:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCLKSG4f_x8Frl5cGO_jL8CQ

BREATHING EXERCISES FOR KIDS

BACK TO BACK BREATHING



Find a partner and sit on the floor back to back. Sit tall and close your eyes if you want to. Decide who will start - that person begins by inhaling deeply and then exhaling slowly, and then continues to breathe slowly and deeply. Their partner should feel the expansion in their partner's back each time they breathe in and then try to sync their own breathing so that both partners are breathing in time together.

TUMMY BREATHING



Lie on the floor and place a small stuffed animal on your stomach. Breathe in deeply though your nose and feel the stuffed animal rise, and then feel it lower as you slowly exhale through your mouth. Rock the stuffed animal to sleep using the rise and fall of your stomach.

ELEPHANT BREATHING



Stand with your feet wide apart and your arms dangling in front of your body like an elephant's trunk. As you breathe in deeply through your nose, raise your arms up high above your head. Then slowly swing your arms down again as you breathe out through your mouth.

BUBBLE BREATHING



Sit comfortably with your eyes closed. Begin by imagining you are holding a bubble wand. Breathe in deeply and then, as you breathe out slowly and gently, imagine you are blowing bubbles into the room. Imagine the bubbles are filled with peace or love or happiness and that you are filling the whole room with a peaceful, happy feeling. As you keep breathing slowly and blowing your imaginary bubbles, feel your body become calm and relaxed.

CALM DOWN WITH TAKE 5 BREATHING



- 1. Stretch your hand out like a star.
- 2. Get the pointer finger of your other hand ready to trace your fingers up and down.
- 3. Slide up each finger slowly ~ slide down the other side.
- 4. Breathe in through your nose ~ out through your mouth.
- 5. Put it together and breathe in as you slide up and breathe out as you slide down.

Keep going until you have finished tracing your hand.



Yoga for self-regulation



https://cosmickids.com/

https://yogawithadriene.com/yoga-for-kids/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X655B4I Sakg

CALM DOWN YOGA FOR KIDS



I am strong.





I am kind.





I am brave.





I am friendly.





I am wise.



Books

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The ZONES of Regulation Book Nook

Hi Zones Community! One of our most common questions is children's book recommendations to introduce/reinforce concepts from *The Zones of Regulation* (Kuypers, 2011). Here is a list of books recommended by both our staff and our many friends on social media. Disclaimer: We have not read each and every book on this list, so please read for yourself before reading with your students. Some books have a Zones color next to them if they work well with a specific Zone. Most work with a wide range of Zones and concepts from the curriculum. (*Most recent update: 3/18/21*)

*If you are PRINTING this list, you may want to download as a PDF first for better margins.

Have a recommendation? Fill out our survey, and we'll add it to the list: Zones Book Survey

	Title, Author	Cover	Recommended by- description	
1	"Chrysanthemum" by Kevin Henkes	a state	Sarah Burke (Kindergarten inclusion teacher from Boston, MA) "I use this book (and many other books by Kevin Henkes) when I'm teaching about the blue zone. The main character is teased by her classmates about her name which makes her feel sad. Her parents help her to feel better and get into the green zone."	
2	"What Should Danny Do" by Ganit and Adir Levy	DWhat Should?	Adina (School social worker from Michigan) "I have my students tell which zone each character is in, at different parts of the book. I also ask them to notice how the choices the characters make throughout the book (positive or negative), impacts which zone they move to." Susan Bertke (Kindergarten teacher from Ft. Recovery, OH) "I use it to teach students about how the choices they make can affect the way their day goes. The book has 9 different endings, depending on	

	 Imagine you have a wand of bubbles. When you breath out be careful not to pop it. Place one flat palm on your heart one flat palm on your tummy. Breathe in through your nose and hold your breath for 5 seconds. Breathe out a large bubble 	 Using the thumb of one hand press firmly around the palm or the other hand. Starting with one thumb push along the palm of the other hand 5 to 10 times. Repeat with other palm.
	through pursed lips, blow out and hold for 5 seconds	 Cross arms in front of you far enough to bring your palms almost to your sides.
	 Sit on the floor with your legs crossed or in a chair with your feet flat on the floor. Push onto the chair or the floor with flat palms. Count for 	Squeeze your arms and hold for 5 to 10 seconds.
	 Push your bottom up from the floor or chair and hold for between 5 and 10 seconds. 	Chair press up Grip the side of your chair Try to lift your bottom off the seat Focus on breathing out and then
	Put one palm up and one palm down (Both facing each other)	in whilst you count • Do 3 sets
	 Touch fingertips together (Except thumbs) and pull them apart as hard as you can. Hold for between 5 and 10 seconds. 	Wall press up Stand arms distance from a wall Place hands on wall at shoulder height Slowly bend arms until elbows touch the wall Slowly push with arms until you are upright again Focus on breathing in and out in time to your movements.
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HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE ZONES OF REGULATION?

- Identify your own feelings using Zones language in front of your child (e.g. "I'm frustrated, I am in the yellow zone")
- Provide positive reinforcement when your child is in the Green Zone and if they make efforts to stay in the Green Zone. Eg. "I can see you are working really hard to stay in the Green Zone by..."
- Talk about what tool you will use to be in the appropriate Zone (e.g. "I'm going to go for a walk, I need to get to the green zone")
- Label what zones your child is in throughout the day (e.g. "You look sleepy, are you in the blue zone?")
- Teach your child which Zones tools they can use (e.g. "It's time for bed, let's read a book together in the rocking chair to get to the blue zone.")
- Post and reference the Zones visuals and tools in your home

PLAY GAMES

"Feelings Charades"

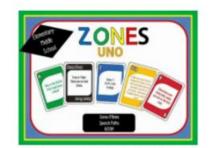
Take turns choosing emotions from a stack of cards or papers and act it out using only face and body clues. Guess each other's emotion, discuss which zone it's in and why. (Added challenge: Name a tool you could use when feeling that emotion).

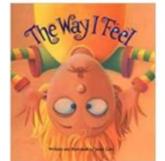
"Name that feeling"

- People watch and guess the feelings/zones of others.
- Name the feelings of characters while watching a movie (and point out any strategies they use).

Read 'The Way I Feel'

"Zones Uno"

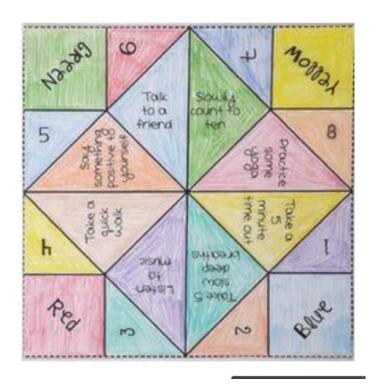


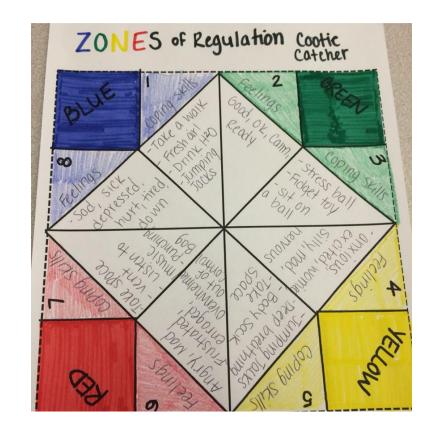


Learn the song!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnl3GeTkMa4

Activities linked to Zones





Activities linked to Zones





ZONES OF REGULATION Someone just got bullio on the playground. How might they feel? What micht they look like? What ZONE are they in? Someone is rushing to class and dropped their things. How might they feet? What might they look like? What ZONE. could they be in? Someone just faished all their work. How might they feed? What micht they look like? What ZONE are they in I There is a substitute. teacher in class today. How might students feel? What might they look like? What ZONE could they be in? It is readly load to the cafeteria. How might students feet? What might they look Mie? What ZONE could they be in? Students just found out there will be testing tomonou: How might they fee? What might they look Mir? What

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The Zones of Regulation links

Website:

https://www.zonesofregulation.com/index.html

YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGM_E5PoVysIknJIrW0vaqA

Webinar: https://www.socialthinking.com/online-training/on-demand/webinar-

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Other helpful websites:

https://www.socialthinking.com/

https://hes-extraordinary.com/the-zones-of-regulation

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