

Table 6.2 Subtypes of Child Psychological Maltreatment

Subtype	Description	Examples
Rejecting	Verbal or symbolic acts that express feelings of rejection toward the child	Singling out a specific child for criticism and/or punishment Refusing to help a child Routinely rejecting a child's ideas
Degrading (i.e., verbally abusing)	Actions that deprecate a child	Insulting a child or calling a child names Publicly humiliating a child Constantly criticizing a child
Terrorizing	Actions or threats that cause extreme fear and/or anxiety in a child	Continually yelling or swearing at a child Threatening to harm a child Threatening to harm a child's loved one Exposing a child to interpersonal violence Punishing a child by playing on normal childhood fears Threatening suicide or to leave a child Using cruel or harsh control methods
Isolating	Preventing a child from engaging in normal social activities	Locking a child in a closet or room Refusing to allow a child to interact with individuals outside the family Refusing to allow a child to interact with other relatives
Missocializing (i.e., corrupting)	Modeling, permitting, or encouraging antisocial behavior in a child	Encouraging delinquent behavior in a child Encouraging alcohol or substance abuse in a child Indoctrinating a child in racist values