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love family health Sleep helpers doctors swear by As school winds down and summer fun starts heating up, kids often struggle with sleep. To the rescue: the remedies doctors turn to when their own children just can't-or won't-snooze

To quiet a busy mind

Talk + visualization

"My daughter went through a period of insomnia when she was 13," recalls mother-of-four Rebecca Reyes, M.D., medical director of the Military Support Program at Vista del Mar Hospital in Ventura, California, Instead of reaching for medication, Dr. Reyes tried an approach her father-in-law (a psychiatrist) recommended; spending 10 minutes talking with her daughter before bed. "We'd talk about whatever she wanted "Dr Reves says "The one-on-one uninterrunted

To end high energy at night Lavender oil massage

"My 3-year-old often has a hard time settling down at night. He's just always on the go!" says Kay Corpus, M.D., a holistic integrative family physician and mother of two in Owensboro, Kentucky. To help calm her little one and bring on sleep, Dr. Corpus turns to lavender oil-a proven sleep inducer: In one study, people who sniffed lavender before bed experienced deeper, more restorative sleep than those who didn't breathe in the calming scent. "I put 1 to 2 drops of the oil on my hands and give him a foot and hand massage," she says. "After a 10-minute rubdown, he's fast asleep."

To fall asleep after a nightmare Delta wave music

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