Parent’s Response
How did you feel when you discovered your child was visually handicapped? Researchers have distinguished four typical responses...

1. Viewing the child’s blindness as a form of punishment of the parent.

2. Fearing that others would think that the child’s blindness was a result of the parent’s having a social disease.

3. Feeling guilty because of negligence or because of having violated some moral or social code.


Parent’s Adjustment
How have you adjusted to your child’s blindness? Researchers have distinguished five modes of adjustment...

1. Acceptance, where the parent is genuinely accepting of the child and realistic and objective about the handicap.

2. Denial, where the parent denies the existence or importance of the handicap, failing to admit the fact that the child is in some sense different.

3. Overprotection.

4. Disguised rejection, where the parent disguises a negative attitude by showing excessive concern with the handicap.

5. Overt rejection, where the parent resents the child and blames anybody available for the handicap.


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