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## Handout 7.6

## Parent–Provider Vignettes

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**Directions:** Use these vignettes as the basis to role-play a teacher or family child care provider and parent. The teacher can use one or more of the strategies we discussed, and can try out other ideas as well.

1. Two-year-old Bobby has tears dried on his face. His mother, Ms. Adams, comes in the door of your family child care home, pulling him along by the arm, while carrying her 6-month-old, Susannah, a diaper bag, and another bag with Bobby's lunch and change of clothes. "Come *on* Bobby!" she says. "This is no day to give me a hard time. I am going to be late for my meeting!"
2. Mr. Gardener arrives to pick up his 8-month-old, Amy. Amy crawls away from him when he reaches to pick her up. "I guess you don't like me," he says a little angrily. "You don't even care that I came early to get you."
3. You come into your toddler room to find Ms. Graham yelling at and spanking her 18-month-old son Tony. The other parents and children in the room look scared.
4. Ms. Park has been bringing her 6-month-old son to your center since he was 2 months old. Lately you have noticed that Ms. Park looks expressionless most of the time, and does not make eye contact or play with her son. He has started to look very sad and to be very quiet around her.

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5. Mr. and Ms. Carrera have come in to volunteer in your toddler room. You see them playing with their daughter Maria. When Maria picks up a toy, Mr. C. tries to get her to play with another, more interesting toy. Ms. C. tells Maria she should not put toys in her mouth, and takes the toy away if she does.
6. When Ms. Johanson comes to pick up her 2½-year-old, Janna, the little girl throws herself on the floor in a full-blown tantrum. You hear Ms. Johanson say: “You better get up young lady, or there will be a paddling when Daddy gets home. You know better than to fuss and scream like that.”
7. Mr. Klein has come to your center to volunteer for story time in the 3-year-old room. He finds that his son’s pants are wet. “Jimmy, you are a big boy and it is time for you to stop wetting your pants,” he scolds.
8. Ms. Wagli asks if she can talk with you. “I don’t know what is wrong,” she says, “But at home I have been yelling so much at Seetha. I spanked her yesterday, and I have never done that before. I’m afraid I’m going to hurt her.”
9. When Ms. Shannon asks you if her 14-month-old daughter Maura ate a “good lunch,” you truthfully tell her that Maura did not eat very well. Ms. Shannon raises her voice, telling Maura that “only very bad little girls refuse to eat the good food their mothers pack for them.” She threatens, “If you won’t eat what I send for your lunch, then you will just have to skip supper, too!” Maura’s eyes fill with tears.