

Relationship-Based Child Care Scenarios

Read through the scenarios. Think about how you would handle the situations using a relationship-based model of child care described in Baker and Manfredi/ Pettit (2004) chapter 1. Pick 3 scenarios and post how you would respond and what you would do.

1. Your co-worker has been coming to work late recently which means you are alone with the children until he arrives.
2. Marquette is transitioning from two short naps a day to one longer nap in the afternoon. This is causing her problems at bed time. Her family asks you to make sure she naps from 10 AM to 12 PM each day.
3. You have a new co-worker in your room. She appears to strap Carlos, who is 12 months old, into the stroller as you leave for the park. As she pushes the stroller a little way Carlos slides out of the stroller to the floor. Carlos cries but does not hit his head, or have any cuts, bruises, or red marks on him.
4. You have started to engage in more sensory activities with your 12- to 18-month-old children. Marcus' family asks you not to let their son get his clothes dirty.
5. Your colleague believes that children should have nice and pretty art projects to take home to their families. She does the projects for the children or does it hand-over-hand with each child. You believe that children learn by doing, and that they should complete the projects independently. Your co-worker is spending a lot of time doing art projects for the children so they look nice. This means you are left to care for the class while she does the art projects.
6. Li has started to leave portions of his lunch uneaten, as well as his snacks. His family asks you to make sure he eats all his lunch and snacks.
7. Your director is removing microwaves from the classroom. This policy impacts you because you need to warm up baby food in the microwave.
8. A father comes in one morning with sunglasses on. As he puts his child down, the child knocks the sunglasses off his face and you notice he has a black eye. You ask if everything is OK. The father tearfully shares with you that his wife has been physically abusive recently because of financial stress the family is facing.
9. The security guard stops everyone in the hall to check staff ID's or visitor badges. Your ID gets in the way when you pick up or hold a baby so you take it off. When you leave your room, you are stopped by the guard, who calls your supervisor because you don't have your ID. Your supervisor is getting frustrated.
10. Miguel's family is concerned about his diaper rash. They ask you change his diaper every hour.