

Module 1: Understanding Chronic Conditions

Handout A-2: Characteristic Cards—Parent

Is friendly and outgoing	Has a sense of humor
Lives with child's other parent who is supportive and helpful	Is a single parent without extended family support
Is a teenager	Has a chronic illness
Is well informed about the child's condition and skilled in procedures	Has four children
Is in a physically abusive relationship	Has a supportive extended family
Has a job and some financial resources	Has another child with special needs
Has an addiction to alcohol	Has not developed a strong relationship with a staff person
Speaks a foreign language and only limited English	Has a good relationship with the doctor
Has bouts of depression	Is hopeful and optimistic
Has a good relationship with the teacher	Is homeless
Has high and appropriate expectations of the child	Does not fully understand the child's condition
Understands own limitations and asks for help when needed	Has unrealistic expectations of the child
Has unrealistic expectations of self	Is very loving toward the child
Family does not have a primary health care provider	Works long days and is unable to participate in the classroom