
Handout 12: Learning All The Time

Instructions: As a group, choose one of these stories to role play:

- ◆ A father and his two children are in the car, going to pick up the mother from work.
- ◆ A mother helps her older child with homework but her toddler also wants attention.
- ◆ Parents watch television with their children.
- ◆ A grandfather and his grandchildren go grocery shopping.
- ◆ Parents and their children prepare for a family outing.
- ◆ A father and his children go to the laundromat.
- ◆ A mother tries to feed a 10-month-old without a huge mess.

Rules

1. Make sure at least one child in the story is of Head Start or Early Head Start age.
2. Use your own experience and imagination to develop the story.
3. Everyone who does not play the role of a family member should be a home visitor. The home visitors are to observe the role play with these questions in mind:
 - What are the adults doing to affect the learning experience?
 - What are the children learning that is positive? negative? neutral?
 - Which parenting strategies contribute to a positive learning experience?
 - Which parenting strategies do not contribute to learning?
 - What changes in parenting style might you suggest?