

Handout 17: Discussion Questions

Instructions: Discuss the role play using the following questions:

1. Did the parent communicate to the teacher what she wanted her to know (and vice versa)?
2. Did the parent get the information she wanted from the teacher (and vice versa)?
3. What facilitated the sharing of information? What got in the way?
4. What concerns were of importance to both Lara and Mary Ellen?
5. How did this conference help build bridges between the learning that goes on at home and at Head Start?
6. Was there any way to make this conference even more successful?
7. What can teachers and other staff do to prepare for a conference?