



## ANTICIPATING PROBLEM SITUATIONS

**Activity overview:** The purpose of this activity is to improve the ability of teachers to anticipate potentially problematic situations in the early childhood classroom.

**Directions:** Think about the situations in column one. In column two, write a few problems that you anticipate could occur.

Scenario	Anticipated problems
It is Monday morning and the dramatic play area has been re-stocked with new materials.	<i>Example: Some children might be sad that the old materials are gone.</i>
At arrival, a child comes into the room with a scowl on his/her face.	
At a previous outdoor time, three children played "monster tag" and one child ended up in tears. It's now time to go outdoors again.	
It is circle time and several children want to sit next to the same "best friend."	
It is the first day back to school after a long holiday break.	