

Reflect on your own experiences with children, families, and colleagues. If you are an supervisor, administrator, or adult educator, how might you use these questions and activities to help other adults reflect on their experiences?

## **Examine the Environments**

Revisit Scenario #1 Getting Back on Her Feet. The student mom, Suzette, suddenly finds herself homeless, and requests extra time to complete her assignments.

Try This!

Write down as many possible responses as you can imagine that the instructor might have had.

How might each of these responses affected the social and emotional relationships among students and between the students and instructor?

What routines and communications could the instructor put in place from the start to allow for flexibility and individual circumstances, while still maintaining order and equity?

In what ways might individual circumstances, exceptions to the rules, be handled that would minimize disruption and maximize a healthy social-emotional environment?