

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Help Resolve Conflicts with Peers

During the toddler 1 video, the children are taking turns riding and pushing a wagon. The teacher uses lots of strategies to resolve conflicts between children while they play together. She watches and responds to all the children as they practice sharing space and taking turns.

Practice applying these strategies as you work with young children:

- Ask questions to understand what the child wants.
- Reassure the child and explain how others are helping.
- Be observant and respond promptly when children need help playing together.
- Get down on the child's eye level to talk.
- Give clear directions so that the child can be successful.

When you are finished, reflect on the following questions:

1 How were the children taking turns and/or sharing space?

2 What questions did you ask, and how did you encourage the children to share or take turns?

3 What challenges did you encounter with the children? How did you handle them?

4 What could you have done differently to help the child take turns and/or share open space?

