

Case Study Activity

Authentic Assessment and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children and Families

10 Case Studies in the Trainers Guide

1. Yusuf from Iran is 4 and is unable to use a fork. His mother still feeds him and will continue to feed him until the age of 6.
2. Soo is from Thailand and has just turned one year old. Her mother insists that she learns to use the toilet and refuses to bring diapers to school because she wants the teacher to take the child every 45 minutes to the bathroom.
3. Jarvin is 4 years old and from the Dominican Republic. When you talk with him he runs away. It appears that he knows some English although at home you think that his parents speak only Spanish.
4. You are observing Julieta age 4, recently from Central Mexico and she is doing a color bear matching activity. You are asking her to name the colors and she doesn't name them because she doesn't talk in your class. She just keeps putting the same colors together.
5. Ka, from Laos (exposed to Hmong in her home) has been in your family care home for 3 months. She is 4 years old. She speaks some English but when you talk with her she looks down. She will respond to you but she more than often looks away when she is talking to you.
6. Heriberto is 5 years old and is cared for by his Peruvian grandmother when he is not in childcare. Whenever he cannot do something, like get his own tissue, or build with large blocks, or carrying his plate to the tub after lunch, he comes to you for help. You are concerned because he is 5 years old and going to kindergarten in 6 months.
7. During a home-based socialization for a Birth to 3 program, a Puerto Rican mother gave her 1.6 year old more directives, physically positioned or restrained her child's movements around the room, and she would pick up her child each time the child fell while walking. The child's was delayed in her motor skills.
8. Melady's family is from Togo. They just came to your program from Africa. Melady is almost 2 but doesn't walk yet. You watch Melady's mother bring her to school strapped on her mother's back in a shawl.
9. A three and a half year old child from the Philippines has been in your classroom for 6 months. She does not participate in messy activities, such as sand play, and finger

painting. She actually just looks at the materials when she sits at the table. Her mother sends her to school in fancy dresses and doesn't want her to get messy.

10. In your family childcare you are required to serve family style meals so that children can serve themselves and converse with everyone at the table during meals. Libon is from Somalia and rarely talks to the other children and unless you put the food on his plate he will not eat, even after you tell him that it is okay.