

## Making Connections

Families encounter a variety of needs as their children grow. Consider these scenarios. What resources can you help families find and use in your program and community?

Scenario	Resources I Can Help Families Find and Use
<p>Stan’s mother is working nights and going to school during the day. She has been late picking Stan up three nights this week. She has a hard time catching the bus that brings her from school to your program in the evenings. She also mentioned that Stan’s grandmother, who usually watches Stan at night, started a new job and won’t be able to help out as much.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After-hours care sites that provide transportation (family child care homes, programs in the community or on the installation, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p>When Carson’s father dropped him off on Monday morning, he asked his teacher to watch Carson very carefully with the other children. At church on Sunday, he pushed two children off a slide. The Sunday school teachers and the other families were very upset. Carson’s mom and dad had spent the afternoon apologizing and trying to figure out what to do about Carson’s behavior.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources on preventing and responding to challenging behavior (pamphlets, videos, tip sheets)</li> <li>• Model how to respond to challenging behavior</li> <li>• Behavior consultant, if needed</li> </ul>

Deqa's mother is a soldier who was wounded in combat. Her family has been late paying their tuition the past two months. You have noticed Deqa's mother has been more quiet and gloomy than usual. She admitted that her husband has moved out of their home, and she is having a hard time paying the bills and buying groceries on her disability income.

- Mental health supports in the community or on the installation
- Community resources for food and assistance with essential bills (i.e., utilities, rent)
- Veteran's Affairs