Maintaining a Safe and Caring Community

Read the following scenarios and reflect on what you have learned about how to maintain a safe, caring community in your family child care setting. Apply this knowledge to each situation.

**Scenario:**
Renee is having difficulty finding time to greet each child when they arrive at her home. She is usually getting activities ready when the children arrive and cleaning up her kitchen when they depart. How could Renee make sure she is creating a responsive family child care community with the children and their parents?

**Scenario:**
Renee has noticed that “tattling,” running, and pushing takes place when the children are transitioning to play outdoors. How might Renee create a safer, more caring community? How might she encourage the older children to serve as models for the younger children?

**Scenario:**
Several children in Renee’s family child care home have parents who are preparing to deploy. How can she support these families and strengthen a sense of community?