Module 2

Social Emotional Teaching Strategies

VI. Controlling Anger and Impulse (30 minutes)







A. Recognizing Anger in Self and Others

- Show Slide 44. Describe how aggression and inadequate impulse control are perhaps the most potent obstacles to effective problem solving and successful relationships in childhood.
- 2. Aggressive children are more likely to experience peer rejection and continued social problems for years afterwards.
- 3. Evidence also suggests that aggressive children are more likely to misinterpret another peer's or person's intentions as hostile or threatening.
- 4. Therefore, it is important to teach young children effective ways to control their anger and impulse in conflict situations.

B. The "Turtle Technique"

- 1. Provide Handout 2.6 (Helping Young Children Control Anger and Handle Disappointment) and Handout 2.7 ("The Turtle Technique").
- 2. Show **Slide 45.** Describe how to teach children to recognize anger in themselves.
 - a. Ask participants how they feel physically when they are upset or angry.
 - b. Point out that children feel anger in different ways—just as we do. It is important to talk about and help children understand the physical sensations of anger that they feel.