

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING cont.

- Help children develop skills as community members and leaders by having a job for each child, such as watering the plants or feeding the fish. This will help each child be seen as an important, contributing member of the group.
- Take children to visit a market, restaurant, bakery, post office, museum, cultural center, powwow, library, or home. Visit them virtually through pictures, video tours, or other *tools* available on the internet.
- Help children change the *dramatic play* area to represent community places they have visited in-person or virtually.
- *Investigate* jobs in the community, at home, and at school. Create pictures, charts, and dramatic play about these jobs. Ask children what jobs they might like to do when they get older.
- Visit a farm or ranch if possible so children can see where much of our food comes from. Read books about food and farming. Make butter from milk and talk about how milk comes from the cow. If possible, create special ways to involve children who live on farms, or whose families lived on farms.
- Hold meetings with the children to discuss concerns and issues that occur. Encourage them to use a variety of *problem-solving* strategies to work through any concerns (use role-playing and puppets to help children empathize with their peers).
- Build opportunities to discuss different points of view, especially during small group times or when a conflict arises.

