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**Understanding School-Based Advocacy in Early Care and Education (ECE)**

**Strategies and Tools to Manage Conflict**

**Luncheon**

**Changing Your Response to Conflict: Creating Positive Peace**

Your child has been a student in this classroom for six months. You are not comfortable with the limited communication between the teacher and families.

You receive an email from the teacher accusing your child of shoving and bullying other children. The teacher has attached a disciplinary action explaining that your child will be suspended from the classroom for three days. You meet with the teacher about the situation, but you're not convinced that the alleged behaviors of your child match the harsh punishment given.

When you request a formal meeting with the teacher to discuss the situation the teacher tells you to take your concerns to the school administrators.

**Small Group Discussion**

1. What just happened in this scenario?​
2. Explain if you believe this interaction could escalate into a negative confrontation.
3. As a parent, what you could you do to avoid a conflict escalation?
4. How can this situation move from conflict to peace?​