Transcript for the Video:

Guiding Young Children's Behavior
Segment 5: Responding to Behavior Problems and Resolving Conflicts
Objective 1: Redirection

**Host:** Redirection is based on the idea that sometimes children behave inappropriately because they simply don’t know there are alternatives. In redirection, you don’t make a big deal out of the inappropriate behavior. Instead you show the child there is an alternative that is more appropriate. The majority of inappropriate behavior can be handled this way.

**Host:** So for example, a child might grab a toy car out of the hands of another child. You could redirect the child by showing the child where to find another toy car.

**Sue Bredekamp, Expert:** Well re-direction is a guidance strategy, it’s a strategy to engage a child in a different form, different more acceptable behavior than the one they’re already engaged in. You want to teach them the actual acceptable behaviors instead of the behaviors they’re engaged in and you want to help them get, to make more acceptable choices. You begin to use it as giving another choice or another option for children to choose and say you can do this or that or here’s another option for you to choose, you know you re-direct them to a more acceptable behavior. You do this in a way that is actually a teaching strategy rather than a punishing strategy or just a distraction strategy. You don’t want to just stop the unacceptable behavior, punishment or distraction usually would just end what is not a very acceptable thing to have going on, but it wouldn’t teach the child what to do instead.

**Host:** Let’s think about what redirection might look like. The child in this picture has just snatched a toy from a friend. The caregiver redirects the child by saying, “You don’t need to take Samantha’s Lego, there’s another Lego to use right here.”

**Host:** In this picture the child is swinging a set of headphones around and around by its cord. The caregiver redirects the child by saying, “Cedric, that’s not how you use the headphones. Let me show you. You put them on your ears and listen to the story.”

**Host:** Now we want you to think about how you might use redirection in two possible scenarios.