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Gaining Children's Attention

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Nereida Diaz, Preschool Teacher, New Heights Child Development Center: Well we learned, my assistant and I, we learned something that we call "Hocus Pocus, everybody focus," and I go like that. "Hocus Pocus, everybody focus," so they just look at me and go like that.

Nereida: Hocus Pocus, everybody...

Children: Focus!

Nereida Diaz: And even, they finish the sentence, and they focus on me.

Nereida: Hocus Pocus, everybody...

Children: Focus!

Nereida: Focus; everybody focus.

Nereida Diaz: After they do some exercise, they get so active that we want to calm them. If they're like, too overactive, we just say "Hocus Pocus, everybody focus," and that helps a lot.