Role Play: Family Scenarios

Group 1: Nuclear Family – The dad has been offered a job change within his employment. They move to another location within the United States. The family must make a decision to accept or to decline the position for the family to stay together.

Group 2: Blended Family- Parents have given birth to their first child together, a baby boy. The mother has a seven-year-old son, and the father has a five-year-old daughter, both from previous marriages. The family lives in a three-bedroom house and must make a decision as to living conditions.

Group 3: Extended Family- Nuclear family has enjoyed the extra living space until grandfather of grandmother moves into home. Grandfather has numerous health issues, and he is dying. Family has to help with the physical daily care.   Grandfather dies after living with family for two months. Plans are being made to the process of death and burial.

Group 4: Single-Parent Family- Dad has custody of eleven-year-old twin girls. Mom is leaving the area because of re-marriage. Explaining to the girls is going to be difficult. How is dad going to express to the girls the changes that will take place?

Group 5: Nuclear Family- The mother and father are challenged with many family decisions. The dad is in the military and is told he will be deployed to another part of the world next week.   The mother found out yesterday that her job has been terminated. How are they going to manage emotionally and financially? They have three children. The oldest daughter is thirteen years of age. The middle child is a son who is eleven, and the youngest daughter is seven years of age. Each child has difficulty with father leaving. What should they each do to help during this time of crisis?

Group 6: Family of Choice- Two friends sharing an apartment for the past nine months find out that the cost of living together is financially demanding. They must make a decision as to go back to their parents' homes or invite two more friends into their small apartment to share living expenses.