

## **Dispute Resolution**

Popular television programs portray courts as hostile places focused on punishment, when in reality peaceful resolution of conflict is the ultimate goal of the judiciary. Oftentimes, this occurs through methods other than a jury trial. Mediation, a form of dispute resolution, is presented in the education center in a fictional scenario involving child custody.

### **PRE-TOUR ACTIVITIES:**

- Discuss the importance of using the court system and the rule of law for resolving conflicts.
- Ask your students to recall a conflict they have had with a peer or sibling and how it was resolved. Did anyone else help resolve the problem? What did they like or dislike about how the problem was handled?