

**CHAPTER 3****Professional Skills****Lab 3.1 Discuss Professional Ethics****English Language Arts Project**

**Directions** Working in teams, demonstrate the positive interpersonal skills of negotiation, teamwork, and leadership to answer the following questions regarding professional ethics. Write your team's answers on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this activity. Each team member should sign the completed answer sheet.

1. Review the NAEYC Ethical Code of Conduct, the Ethical Standards of Human Service Professions, ethics statements from your state education and health care agencies, and other professional organizations' ethics statements. List 10 principles that you believe are significant to your teaching practices, classroom or facility organization and management, and child interactions. List the words you think are significant in each principle.
2. Review your answers to question 1. In your team, discuss why you believe those principle statements are important. Do these principle statements also address regulated issues (privacy, harassment, confidentiality, communications methods, workplace environments, relationships between professionals and clientele, discipline, safety, and morality)?
3. Are the answers to questions 1 and 2 a reflection of your personal ethics statement or a reflection of your team's? Why or why not?
4. Reflect on your team discussion. As a team, write 10 ethical principles that your team believes would best regulate professional and personal behavior in a professional setting or workplace. You and your team members must be willing to sign your names indicating that you would also agree to abide by these rules.