# SUPPLEMENTAL SKILLS: Provider created, not in Bellack et al, 2004

**Accepting Apologies** 

Calling Friends and Family

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## **Accepting Apologies**

- Step 1. Look at the person and listen to their apology.
- **Step 2.** Thank the person for their apology.
- **Step 3.** If appropriate, tell the person how their apology makes you feel.

## **Calling Family and Friends**

- **Step 1.** Choose a person to call.
- **Step 2.** Greet the person warmly.
- **Step 3.** Maintain the conversation by
  - a. Asking questions and
  - b. Talking about yourself
- **Step 4.** End the conversation

## Dealing with a difficult boss

- **Step 1.** Make eye contact.
- Step 2. Stay calm.
- **Step 3.** Focus on the issue.
- **Step 4.** Ask for specifics.

## **Maintaining a Conversation**

- **Step 1.** Greet the person.
- **Step 2.** Maintain the conversation by:
  - a. Making a brief statement about how something makes you feel *or*
  - b. Asking a general question *or*
  - c. Giving information
- **Step 3.** Judge if the person is listening and is interested in continuing the conversation.

### **Handling Nosy Questions**

- **Step 1.** Look at the person.
- **Step 2.** Give a vague response to the question.
- **Step 3.** If the person persists, tell them something like: "That's personal" or "I'd rather not discuss it."
- **Step 4.** Change topics or end the conversation.