



## Role Play Situation #4

### Accentuating the Positive

- C: (With a big friendly smile) So you really feel stuck on what to do with Sonny?
- T: Well, I've tried just about everything I know and so far nothing works.
- C: Let's see May, how long have I known you? 5 years? Have you ever gotten stuck with a kid that you couldn't "fix" before?
- T: Well, there was Diana...
- C: Yeah, but you beat the rap, didn't you? Their witnesses folded under cross-examination!
- T: But you don't get it! I really need help with Sonny. He's a handful.
- C: I know, I know, right now it seems like the end of the world. Just do your best! Give it time. If you can hold out for 6 more months, he'll be gone to 6th grade! Then you'll be looking back wondering why you got so frazzled.
- T: But he's violent and smells bad! He's threatened to kill the hamster!
- C: Just words and fluff. Have you been indicted yet? Of course not! Now relax...
- T: He pummeled little Roy! Broke his nose! Two fat lips!
- C: Just typical boy behavior. He'll grow out of it.
- T: He hacked into my bank account and took all of my savings!

C: Call the bank; they've got insurance for that sort of thing. Will you stop worrying?

T: He called you a know-nothing idiot who doesn't know his rear end from a hole in the ground!

C: He called me what? Where are the forms! This kid needs an FAA pronto!