

Story Components	Sample Story	Possible Parent Center Stories
Who is the protagonist	Dorothy	Parent(s)
What is the situation Beginning	Lives with her Aunt and Uncle and her little dog on farm in Kansas	Typical family situation: Describe
At the beginning of the story, what does the protagonist want?	Dorothy daydreams about traveling over the rainbow to get away from a nasty neighbor who threatened her dog, but decides to run away with a traveling fortune teller.	Things families typically want: Describe
What situation or challenge happened that changed everything for the protagonist?	The fortune teller convinces Dorothy to go home, but on the way back a tornado is brewing. Before she can make it to the storm cellar the tornado picks up the house with Dorothy and her dog. She is knocked out in the process	Health Crisis/New Diagnosis Laid off from work New School New Program New Staff New Peers Program Cuts
What stands in the way of achieving the goal?	Awakening in a very strange land, Dorothy learns that her house has killed a witch, and now her evil sister wants revenge . Dorothy must follow an unknown road to meet up with a Wizard who can tell her how to get home, all the while facing the dangers of an evil witch.	Bureaucracy Unknowing/unwilling staff Job requirements/schedules Overwhelm
What is the conflict that continues through the story?	Dorothy continues to face multiple challenges as she tries to learn how to get back home.	Road blocks new/old appear when expected/least expected and must be dealt with.
Resolution	Dorothy learns (from Glinda the Good Witch) that she had the power to return home all along by clicking her heels three times. When she does return, she has a new appreciation for her life, family and friends.	Engaging together with the support of a partner who is knowledgeable about the situation, has first-hand experience and tools to overcome various challenges, and is deeply committed to the cause, has provided the strength, courage, and perseverance to achieve the desired goals.

