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Critical thinking skills are important skills to cultivate because those skills are the foundation of triaging for safety. Critical thinking skills are not just for healthcare providers. Parents use critical thinking skills every day in the upbringing of their children.

An example of a critical thinker is my daughter Kathryn B. Kathryn is the mother of Margot B. who is nine years old. Kathryn is also the mother of twin five-year old’s, Rosemary and Emmett. Margot was an only child until she was three years old. When Kathryn delivered the twins, it was quite a culture shock for Margot. Kathryn has done a beautiful job balancing everyone’s needs while also taking care of herself. Critical thinking skills are necessary to meet the needs of her many demands. Critical thinking would entail prioritizing the child who is unaware that the stove top is hot over the child who’s tablet battery died. Most people with children face these challenges every day but they don’t get credit for it. As a young parent, Kathryn has used the trial-and-error method of problem solving. This method of problem solving allows for many tries until the successful one becomes evident. (Sullivan, 2018). All parents survive by trial and error when they have newborns; the family must get to know each other.

The informal teachings of generations past are the foundations of evidence -base practice in parenting. Observation and the trial-and-error method shows some convincing outcomes in child development. Dang et al. state “critical thinking is the process of questioning, analysis, synthesis, interpretation, inference, reasoning, intuition, application, and creativity (AACN, 2008).”. These skills are used in thoughtful parenting, and I have seen Kathryn process her parenting interventions in these ways with good outcomes. Good parenting takes organization, thoughtfulness, and the ability to put the child’s needs before the parents.

Using the problem-solving process, (Sullivan, 2018) lists the steps of defining the problem, gathering information, analyzing the information, develop solutions, make a decision, implement the decision, and evaluate the solution. Parents do this with their children every day.

Critical thinking skills are important in everyday life and in careers like medicine, the railroad, lifeguarding, the military, and many other vocations. Critical thinking skills should be introduced at a very young age.

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