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Here in Keansburg we are interested in learning how the stresses of our global society impact our youngest learners and their families. Throughout the twenty-year history of the preschool program in Keansburg, we have experienced shifts in the types of learning that our students are engaged in today. Ten years ago, we would not have imagined the role that hand-held devices would play in the social and emotional development of our students. We also would not have expected that a natural disaster like Hurricane Sandy would still be impacting our students, families and community seven years later. We want our time with our students to be as impactful as possible. By participating in this study, we hope to gain insight into how our practices in the classroom can help mitigate the effects of stress on our students. We hope to better understand how we can support our students and families in navigating our ever-changing circumstances. We thank NIEER for this opportunity to gain valuable insight and information so that we can best serve our community.