Ecological Framework for Understanding Multiracial Identity Development

Regional and Generational History of Race and Ethnic Relations

Sexual Orientation

Gender

Class

Family Functioning
- Consistency of parental availability
- Extended family acceptance
- Losses and disruptions
- Sense of belonging & acceptance
- Violence/abuse/neglect

Identity
- Ethnicities
- Community Attitudes & Racial Socialization
  - School/work
  - Community
  - Friends
  - New Community

Family Socialization
- Home language
- Parent’s identity
- Nativity
- Given names
- Extended family
- Home values/ Spirituality

Traits & Aptitudes
- Temperament
- Social skills
- Coping skills
- Giftedness
- Health
- Learning Difficulties

Traits & Symptoms

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