

Family & Kinship

Understanding Cultural Diversity

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Family & Culture

- Family is an essential element in all cultures
- The concept of family differs from culture to culture
- Family is the fundamental building block of all societies.
- Family relationships influence political, economic and social structures



What is Culture?

Culture is the sum total of the attainments and learned behavior patterns of any specific period, ethnic group or people based on a recognized belief system and regarded as expressing a traditional way of life subject to gradual but continuous modification by succeeding generations.

People don't live in
countries

People live in **cultures**

Understanding Culture

Value Systems

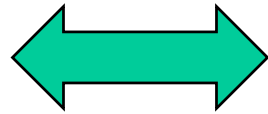
Sublime
and

Mundane

Relationships

Problem Solving

Goals



Relationships

Individualism

(Rights)

versus

Loyalty to the Group

(Responsibilities)

Individual versus the Team

The Individual



The Team



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- Family tends to be more significant in Relationship-strong Cultures
- Blood relationship is more important in family oriented cultures

What is Family?



What is Family?



Family Patterns

- Nuclear
- Extended
- Patriarchal Extended
- Matriarchal Extended
- Clan
- Village

Purpose of Family

- Social Security
- Business Partnership
- Political Influence
- Economic Influence

Purpose of Family



Family Structure and Cultural

- Extended/Clan Families thrive in Social Group oriented Cultures
- Nuclear Families thrive in Individualistic Cultures

Family & Culture

- Family Structures and Cultural Influences
- Family Structure and Cultural Context
- Transplanting Family Structure

Transplanted Family Structures

- Non-supportive Cultural environments
- Destructive Cultural environments
- Supportive Cultural environments
- Protective Cultural environments

Transplanted Families and Culture

- Understanding Acculturation
- Culture “Shock”
- Conflicting Values
- Conflicting Behaviors
- Adjustment Trauma

Discussion