Ecology of the Family

“We are trees. Our roots network with the roots of others trees. Our branches grow with desire of touching other branches.”

Francisco Alarcón
Learning Objectives

- Describe the basic structure and functions of the family.
- Explain the effects of transitions in family ties on children (divorce, single parenting, remarriage, dual-earner, kin custody, and cohabitation [heterosexual or homosexual partners]).
- Discuss macrosystem influences (socioeconomic status, cultural orientation, and religious orientation) on families and the socialization of children.
- Discuss chronosystem influences (sociopolitical, economic, and technological changes) on families and the socialization of children.
- Define and discuss family empowerment.
275 million people in US in 2000

U.S. Population

Distribution of U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2010 and 2050

- White, Non-Hispanic: 64.7% in 2010, 46.3% in 2050
- Hispanic: 16.0% in 2010, 30.2% in 2050
- African-American, Non-Hispanic: 12.2% in 2010, 11.8% in 2050
- Asian: 0.8% in 2010, 0.8% in 2050
- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander: 0.1% in 2010, 0.0% in 2050
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 1.5% in 2010, 1.0% in 2050
- Two or More Races: 4.5% in 2010, 7.6% in 2050

2010: Total = 310.2 million
2050: Total = 439.0 million

NOTES: All racial groups non-Hispanic. Data do not include residents of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or the Northern Mariana Islands. Totals may not add to 100%.
SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation, based on U.S. Census Bureau, 2008, Projected Population by Single Year of Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for the United States: July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2050.
USA Demographics
2050 Projection
California Demographics
Census 2010

- No ethnic group is a majority in California
- Population in 2010 37.5; 33.9 million in 2000

http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/2010_census_profile_maps/census_profile_2010_main.htm
The Bay Area and Santa Clara

- The Bay Area 7.1 million
- Has seen an enormous growth primarily from 2 groups, Latino/API---little over 23% for each
Santa Clara County
Population 2010

- 1.7 million
- 47% in 2010; 53.8% in 2000 White
- 32% in 2010; 25.7% in 2000 Asians
- 26.9% in 2010; 24% in 2000 Latino
- .7% American Indian
- 2.6% in 2010; 2.8% in 2000 African American
Challenges

- It is important for our diverse population to find ways to work together.

- “… now in the 21st century we have to start thinking as US being multiethnic”

- “… we must head the state of California in the direction of increased cooperation and mutual understanding.”
  (National Council of la Raza)

- Ways government supports and does not support
US Families Facts

- 1 of 6; 13% of people living in USA live in poverty

- 1 in 4 children live in poverty

- About 44 million in U.S. lived below poverty line in 2009, census data show

- Poverty rates among Latinos are higher than in the general population. More than one in four Latino households—26.9 percent—struggles to put food on the table, compared to 14.6 percent of all households.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/16/AR2010091602698.html
Family Life
Activity: Story book reading

- In small groups use stories and your own experience to come up with a definition of family.

- Books for dialogue:
  I Love You Forever, Robert Munch
  Families Share, Rozanne Williams
  So Much/Trish Cooke
  Asha's Moms (same sex family)
  Radio Man (migrant family)
  My Dad Takes Care of Me, Daddy and Me
  My Family, Carmen Lomas
Family

- A group of individuals that have a bond among each other with young children’s basic needs are met including the necessary nurturing.
Families’ Structures

- Two-parent families
- Single parents
- Same gender couples
- Divorced parents
- Blended families

Activity: Create you the family structure
Family Structures

- **Nuclear Family**
  - Family of orientation
  - Family of procreation

- **Extended family**
Basic family functions

- Reproduction
- Economic support – 2012 Minimum Wage issue
- Socialization/education
- Assignment of social roles
- Authority patterns
- Nurturance/emotional support
Family Transitions-
How do families adapt to changes?

- Structural family changes
  - Family Ties
  - Divorce, the law and effects
    family functions, socio-economics, dynamics, authority distribution, domestic responsibility and emotional support
- Single parent custody
- Join custody
- Kin Custody
- Racial and interfaith families
- Step families
- Families of unmarried parents
- Families of Same-Sex Parents
- Families of Adopted children
- Dual-Earner Families
- Immigrant Families
Macro Influences in Socialization

Socio economic status
Macro Influences in Socialization - Activity

**Socio Political Changes**
- Immigration - Stories
  - [http://www.thedreamisnow.org/#the_dream](http://www.thedreamisnow.org/#the_dream)
  - [http://www.thedreamisnow.org/documentary](http://www.thedreamisnow.org/documentary)

  Obama Speech on Immigration Reform 1/13
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=344LeYYXSVg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=344LeYYXSVg)

  Immigration Reform, Dream Act
  AB 540, Deferred Action
  Immigration Power point

- Domestic policies
- Foreign policy

**Economic Changes**

**Technological Changes**
Macro Influences in Socialization

Cultural Orientation

- Role of culture in family
- Cultural norms and values impact socialization

Amy Chua/Tiger Mom, "Didn't Expect this Level of Intensity!" 1/26/2011

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAel_qRfKx8

'Tiger Mom' Amy Chua responds to uproar

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_GdZFYlE_Q

Resource Article: “Why Chinese Mothers are Superior” by Amy Chua
Macro Influences in Socialization

Religious orientation

Activity

- Individually answer the following questions.
  - What role does religion/spirituality play in your life?
  - How did it influence your socialization?
  - Compare with the content presented on page 104-106

- Pair and share
Stress and the Family

- Stress can be a growth factor
- Poverty
- Special circumstances
- Substance abuse
- Divorce and custody issues
Stress and the Family

- Step and blended families, single families
- Lack of support
- Communication difficulties
- Inaccessible resources
- Bias Issues
Styles of Child Rearing

There are manners in which families socialize their children

**Style of parenting**

establish high standards for their children and insist that youngsters meet those standards (demandingness).

**Style of parenting**

accept and are responsive to their children, engage in verbal open discussion, and verbal give-and-take (responsiveness).
Dianne Baumrind
Parenting Styles

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYeNTIfu-w
Diane Baumrind
# The four parenting styles and their effects

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Resiliency

Is the psychological strength to recover from misfortune or emerges from a history of severe distress.

Nurturing Resiliency and Hope for Children Living in a Stressful World
Resiliency

- Development of connectedness to someone in the early years (relationships)

- Child finds themselves needed by someone else

- Child relates to someone else’s helplessness gives them a sense of power
Resiliency

- Child displays the ability to elicit positive responses from others

- Child perceives his/her experiences constructively and hold a positive vision of a meaningful life
Concepts and terms

- achieved status
- ascribed status
- binuclear family
- collectivism
- egalitarian family
- empowerment
- extended family
- family
- family of orientation
- family of procreation
- gemeinschaft
- gesellschaft
- individualism
- marriage
- matriarchal family
- modern society
- norms
- nuclear family
- operational definition
- patriarchal family
- Protestant ethic
- religion
- socioeconomic status
- stress
- traditional society
“We need a conspiracy of adults gathered together on behalf of ensuring the well-being and success of our children.”

Dr. James Comer