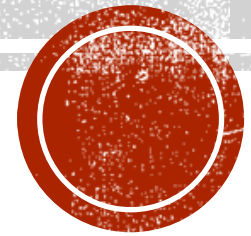


ECOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY



CORE QUESTIONS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- What does Human Development mean?
- What Develops from a psychological perspective?
- Lets consider the idea of Person in Context, a psychological perspective on Human Development
 - Definition - the individual in relationship both on a personal level and within the wider world
 - a being in time
 - a cultural self

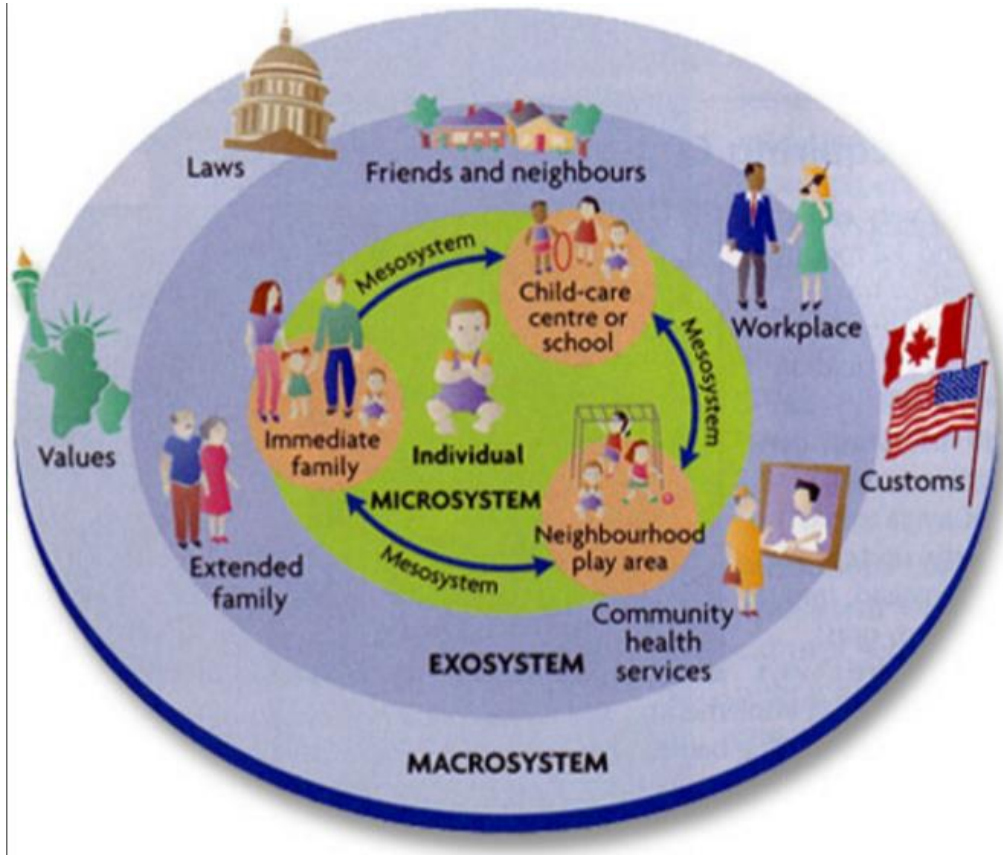


CONTEMPORARY EMERGING QUESTIONS IN OUR TIMES

- What is a scientific model?
- What do we mean when we talk about frameworks?
- What does Cognitive Grammar mean?



THE ECOLOGY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Urie Bronfenner

Child Development Psychologist
who created the Early Start
Programme

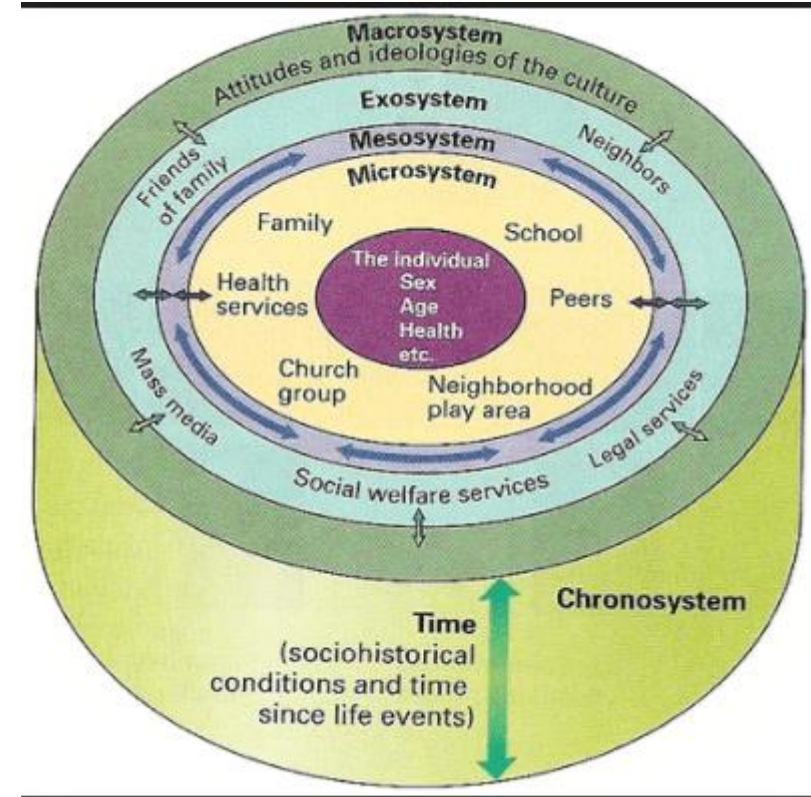
Important role of the environment

His research demonstrated the
value of early education for social
and emotional development



ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS THEORY

- Microsystems – individual and interpersonal level
- Mesosystems - Immediate environment's direct impact
- Exosystems - Immediate environment and indirect impact
- Macrosystems – culture, society, international treaties
- Chronosystems – Era of life/impact of events depending on stage in life



CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL SOCIETY?

- Consider the **Theory of Oppressive Social Conditions**
- Uses Bronfenner's ecological model
 - Also draws on Feminist Research
 - And Post-Colonial Research

It operates through Mechanisms of Control

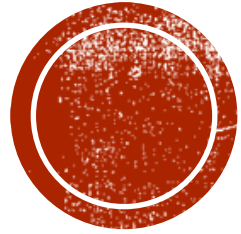
1. Violence;
2. Political Control;
3. Economic Control;
4. Control of Knowledge/ Information;
5. Control of Sexuality;
6. Fragmentation.



BREAKING OUT OF OPPRESSIVE SOCIAL CONDITIONS

- Understanding Systems of Privilege
- Acknowledging Weaknesses
 - Alcohol and drug misuse
 - Disregard for the environment
 - Disordered modes of thinking and communicating
- Building on Strengths
 - Creativity
 - Spirituality
 - Community
- Building deeper inter-personal Connections
 - Listening to each other
 - **Having deep/rich conversations**





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