

Culturally Responsive Care and Education

- Culturally Responsive Care and Education Adapted from Roots & Wings #4(Stacy York)

- Culturally responsive is a program that represents and supports the home cultures of the families whose children attend.

- What is Culture?
- Culture is things, customs, beliefs, and values. Culture can be thought of in terms of the concrete items and objects we see, hold, and use. Items such as clothing, artwork, food and dance are tangible symbols of a person's culture.

- In reality, there is no agreed-upon American culture. Culture is not the same as citizenship. Many Americans, particularly European Americans, confuse culture with citizenship.

- Many European American ancestors gave up their cultural identity for white privilege. Most European Americans are unaware of their cultural traditions.

- Two facts:
 - 1. The common elements of European American culture(such as values and communication style) dominate in the U.S., and are often visible to European Americans.
 - 2. the unique parts of different European cultures(such as languages and holiday rituals) have often been lost to individual European Americans through Assimilation

- Assimilation if you recall is modifying one's culture by adapting to

another culture; changing or losing your cultural patterns and cultural identity to fit into or be accepted by the society. Assimilation has been the U.S. Government's policy toward cultural diversity.

- Culture influences childrearing and as a result, people from different cultural backgrounds have different ideas about what constitutes quality childcare.
- Remember methods of caring for and educating young children routinely expected by high-income families may shock and repel low income families.

- Research suggests that learning style is related to the primary caregiver's child rearing practices.
- Culturally inappropriate programs
- Fail to promote children's cognitive and social growth
- Disrespect children's life experiences and turn children off from learning.

- What can you do to help children feel at home? Culturally competent teachers and caregivers demonstrate the following qualities:
 - Deep sense of respect
 - Awareness of own culture
 - Knowledge of other cultural practices
 - Please name the rest