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WEBINAR SERIES

Providing professionals, supportive adults, and youth with experience in foster care increased knowledge, skill, and social capacity in each life domain to increase access and success in post-secondary education.

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Highlighting the importance of each life domain for access and success in postsecondary education for youth with experience in foster care.

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A special welcome to our guest expert!

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Cultural and Personal Identity

The Identity Domain

This webinar is great for:

Youth, Students, Professionals, Supportive Adults

Goals for webinar:

- Provide overview of 7 Life Domains by Casey Family Programs
- Provide an overview of the **identity** domain
- Explain why this domain is important
- Highlight work in our network related to the **identity** domain
- Provide resources related to this domain

Don't forget to use the questions or chat feature during the presentation to interact! We want to hear from you!

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The 7 Life Domains
An Overview

- Casey Family Programs (2006) *It's My Life* Framework
- WMU adapted framework to include education at the center
- 7 domains framework offers a way to organize, understand, and develop a response to the complexity of lived experience.

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Personal identity refers to the ways in which a person feels a sense of attachment or ownership, what defines someone as a person, or what makes a person who they are
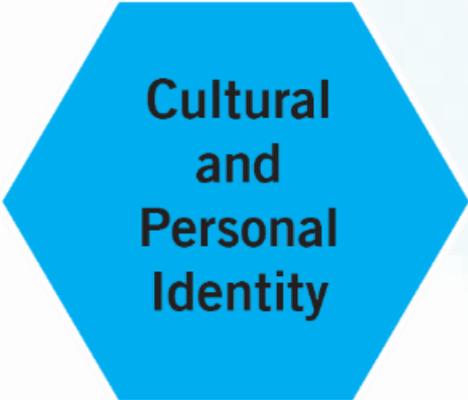
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- Cultural identity is the feeling of belonging to a group that has its own distinct culture.

- Another term that is used for cultural identity can be "social identity" to describe parts of ourselves that are often named by society and connect us to a larger social identity group.

- Examples include: race, ethnicity, class, ability, religion/spirituality, age, nationality, first language, sexual orientation, biological sex assigned at birth, and gender identity/expression

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- The Center for Fostering Success takes a cultural humility approach to understanding identity
- We see identities as intersectional
- An individual's personal, social, and cultural identities are uniquely inter-connected and multi-faceted

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- **Young adults who experience foster care or homelessness may have fewer opportunities to develop a sense of personal and cultural identity. This can be due to lack of family support, as young people often build identity from the traditional concept of family.**

- **The systems of child welfare and juvenile justice lack the adequate identity development supports of support for the young people they serve.**

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Building a strong, positive sense of identity can help establish:

- Confidence

- Resiliency

- A healthy self-image

The mission of the Ruth Ellis Center is: "to provide short-term and long-term residential safe space and support services for runaway, homeless, and at-risk lesbian, gay, bi-attractional, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth," (ruthelliscenter.org)

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Ask The Expert!

Tell us about the work you do with the Ruth Ellis Center and how your projects and programs support the development of cultural and personal identity!

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How is identity related to postsecondary access and success for youth with experience in foster care?

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Jessie's Resources:

Family Acceptance Project

Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community by Laura Erickson-Schroth

Gay and Lesbian Identity Development: An Overview for Social Workers by Denise L. Levy

Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment: LGBTQ Assessment Tool

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Your work is important! Please share a "humble brag" about the work you do in the life skills domain to support students with experience in foster care.

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A special thank you to Jessie for sharing your expertise!

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Real-Time Feedback Poll

We need your feedback!

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