

Informative essay on child development

Psychology, Child Development



There are many different aspects that influence and shape human development. One major factor that influences personal development is the social environment. A lot of people don't realize how many different aspects go into shaping how a person develops while growing up. According to Rule Frontbencher, there are 5 main systems that influence human development: the Microsystems, Mesosystems, ecosystem, Exosystems and Chronosystems. One system that influences the person directly is the Microsystems. According to Earnest (2011) "The Microsystems is

Brotherliness's term for the immediate environment, the settings where people experience their daily lives" (p. 23). The Microsystems includes: family, school, peers, neighborhood, church group and health services. My family has one of the largest impacts on my development. When I was six years old, my parents got a divorce. Even though I was only six, it profoundly affected me, even to this day. While growing up, it took an emotional toll on me, from not being able to celebrate holidays together, to switching from house to house on the weekends.

My dad moved on very fast and married when I was 8 years old; to this day I resent my stepmother for that very reason, therefore, becoming much closer to my mother. My mom is a very independent person and has never relied on a guy for anything. I look up to her for everything, and since she is my role model, I am now a very independent person by not relying on other people, being able to get stuff done on my own and being strong in difficult situations. The peers I grew up with also had a vast impact on my life and decisions.

When I was in elementary school, some of the boys would make fun of my nose by sticking pencils at the end of their nose and saying it looked like mine. I would cry myself to sleep and started to hate my nose. When I was in Junior high, I still got negative comments regarding my nose. I became embarrassed to meet new people, thinking they would judge me and think I was ugly so I didn't go out as much. Just last year, I got a rhinoplasty procedure done to reduce the size of my nose. If I had never gotten teased for the nose I was given, I don't think I would have gotten the procedure done.

Another system in Bronfenbrenner's ecological theory is the macrosystem. Unlike the microsystems, the macrosystem influences the person indirectly. According to Earnest (2011) "The macrosystem is the broad system of cultural beliefs and values, and the economic and governmental systems that are built on those beliefs and values" (p. 23). The macrosystem is the largest system and includes: the government, cultural values, customs, religion, and the economy. One aspect of the macrosystem, which influenced my development significantly, was the socio-economic status of my family.

I was raised by two parents who each went to college and got a bachelor's degree. My mother completed her associate's degree, had her first child and then went to night school to complete her bachelor's degree. That showed me how crucial getting an education was. The socio-economic status of my family instilled in me a great respect for education, which is why I am striving to get a master's degree in psychology. After my mother achieved her bachelor's degree, she advanced in her job to become a human resources

manager earning over grow up, therefore, leading me to pursue the field of psychology.

The culture of the United States has an enormous impact on me as I grew up. Ever since I was a young girl, the United States has given me a strong exposure to the value of independence. Personal freedom, independence, and responsibility are what our society strives for in individuals. Since that was instilled in me as a child, growing up, I always took the initiative to try and figure out answers before asking someone, getting all of my work done promptly and on time, and leading a life deciding on what my future was going to be.

Kids are constantly asked what they want to be when they grow up; that shows the value of independence and how anyone can choose what life they want to live. It is then up to the child, to obtain that goal by having responsibilities and going for what they believe in. Since children are raised to have responsibilities, if a 6th grader came home with a poor report card, actions would be taken place. My family would set up tutoring in the subject they are struggling in, since academics are so important for succeeding in life. If the 6th grader's academics never improved, he might flunk out of school, therefore, not being able to get a degree.

If he never got a degree he would not get a well paying job, therefore, not being able to support himself/family. Since culture has such a big impact on development, depending on where one lives, there would be traditions and practices around the birth of a baby. If I were to have a child, my family would throw me a baby shower and give me gifts to help me raise the baby.

On the day I go into labor, my family would also come to the hospital to help support me and be there to witness the birth of my baby. I would have my husband and mother in the room to support me and share the experience with me.