Safeguarding Children and Cultural Competence

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What is culture?

• The ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society.

• Culture in its broadest sense is cultivated behaviour; that is the totality of a person's learned, accumulated experience which is socially transmitted, or more briefly, behaviour through social learning.

• A culture is a way of life of a group of people--the behaviours, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next.

• Culture is symbolic communication. Some of its symbols include a group's skills, knowledge, attitudes, values, and motives. The meanings of the symbols are learned and deliberately perpetuated in a society through its institutions.
Surface culture
Most easily seen

Shallow culture
Unspoken rules

Deep culture
Unconscious rules

Concepts of beauty  relationship with authority
body language  ideals of child raising  tempo of work
concept of justice  notion of self  facial expressions
state vs family  personal space  tone of voice
definition of insanity  social expectations
preference for competition or cooperation
conception of cleanliness  social mobility
values  concept of past and future
attitudes towards dependents
problem solving roles
social interaction behaviours
emotional expression
eye contact
touching etc......
Hofstede Cultural dimensions

Power Distance Index (PDI)

Individualism versus Collectivism (IDV)

Masculinity versus Femininity (MAS)

Uncertainty Avoidance Index (UAI)

Long Term Orientation versus Short Term Normative Orientation (LTO)

Indulgence versus Restraint (IND)
Hofstede cultural dimensions

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- LTO
- IND

UK
Lithuania
MAIN MESSAGES:

• To keep strong and close relationship between family members. Support each other.
• All family problems needs to be resolved in a family.
• Depend on age and length of time it is OK for older sibling to look after younger.
• 7 year old starts to go to school, so child is responsible for his actions.
• Strategies to stop behaviour, but not encourage positive behaviour.
• Limited awareness about services, what support they can provide and why they are involved, builds worry up around the family.
• Limited awareness about law and legislations.
• Education is very important.
• The mistrust of services
Useful websites

• Norfolk
  http://norfolkscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_minorities.html
• Cambridgeshire
  http://cambridgeshirescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html
• Hofstede cultural dimensions
  http://geert-hofstede.com/countries.html
Norfolk Community Advice Network directory
  http://www.norfolkcan.org.uk/directory/
Norfolk Bridge Plus
  http://www.bridgeplus.org.uk/community-groups-and-links/