

ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH: CULTURAL COMPONENTS

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Chapter One, "What is Culture?"

"A useful definition of culture is: The body of learned beliefs, traditions, principles, and guides for behavior that are commonly shared among members of a particular group. Culture serves as a road map for both perceiving and interacting with the world."

Twelve Components of Culture to Keep in Mind:

Language and communication style
Health beliefs
Family Relationships
Sexuality
Gender roles
Religion
Level of acculturation
Immigration status
Political power
Racism
Poverty and economic concerns
History of oppression

Plus one additional component SIECUS would like to suggest:
