



Ecological Model

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Ecological Model

- A theory of human development
- Posits that individual human development does not occur in isolation, but within multiple, embedded ecological systems (Bronfenbrenner, 1979, 1989).



5 systems

- In addition to the individual...
- Microsystem
- Mesosystem
- Exosystem
- Macrosystem
- Chronosystem

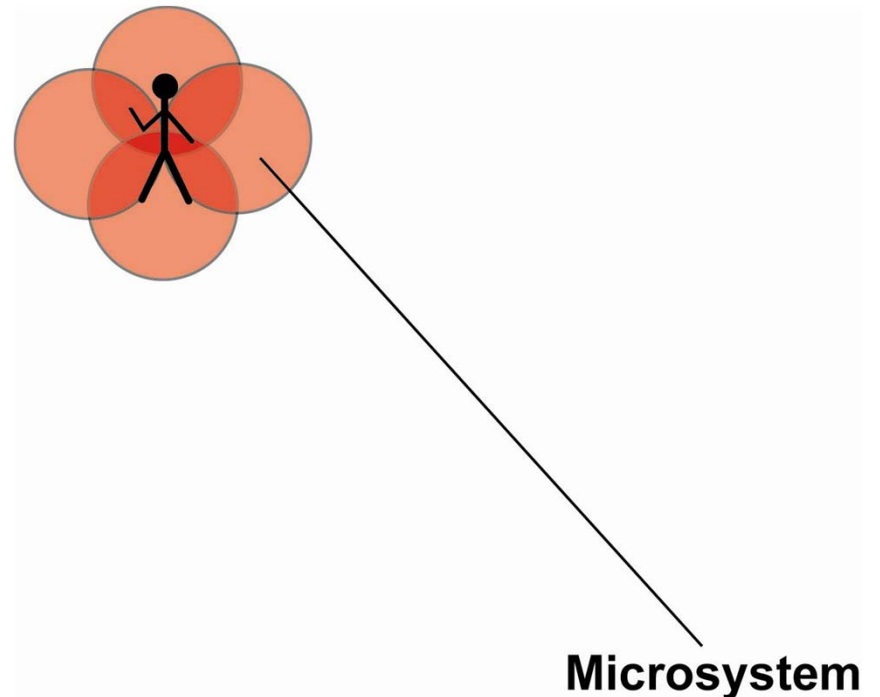
Individual

- The person without social context
- i.e. genetics, temperament, etc



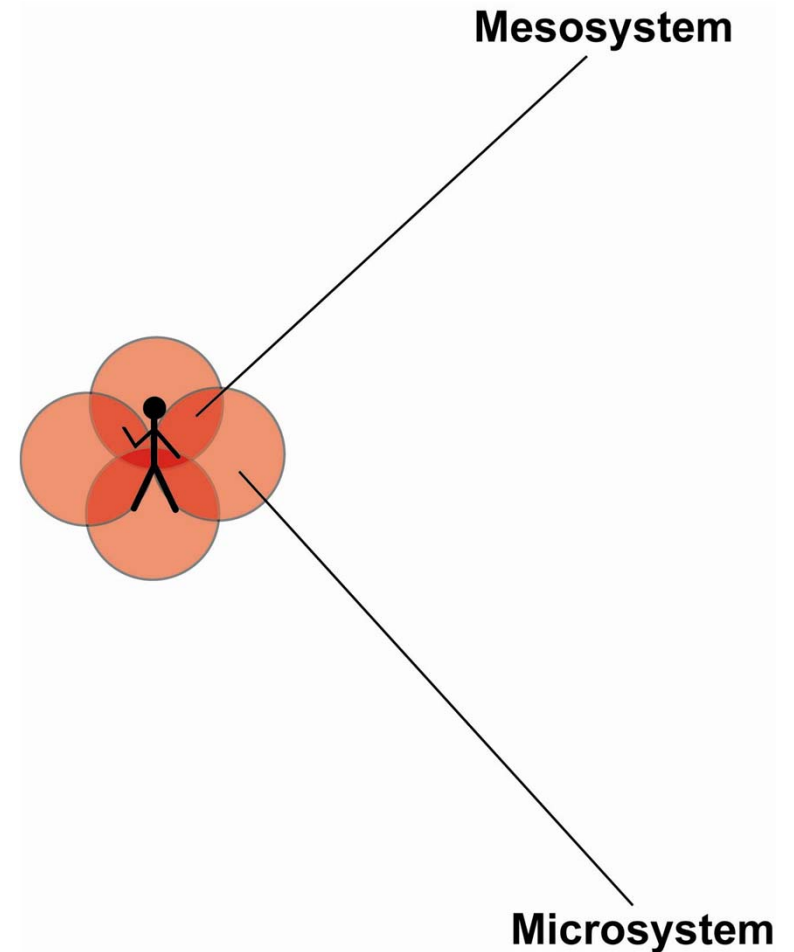
Microsystems

- The people and communities with whom an individual comes into direct contact.
- i.e. family, classroom, little league team



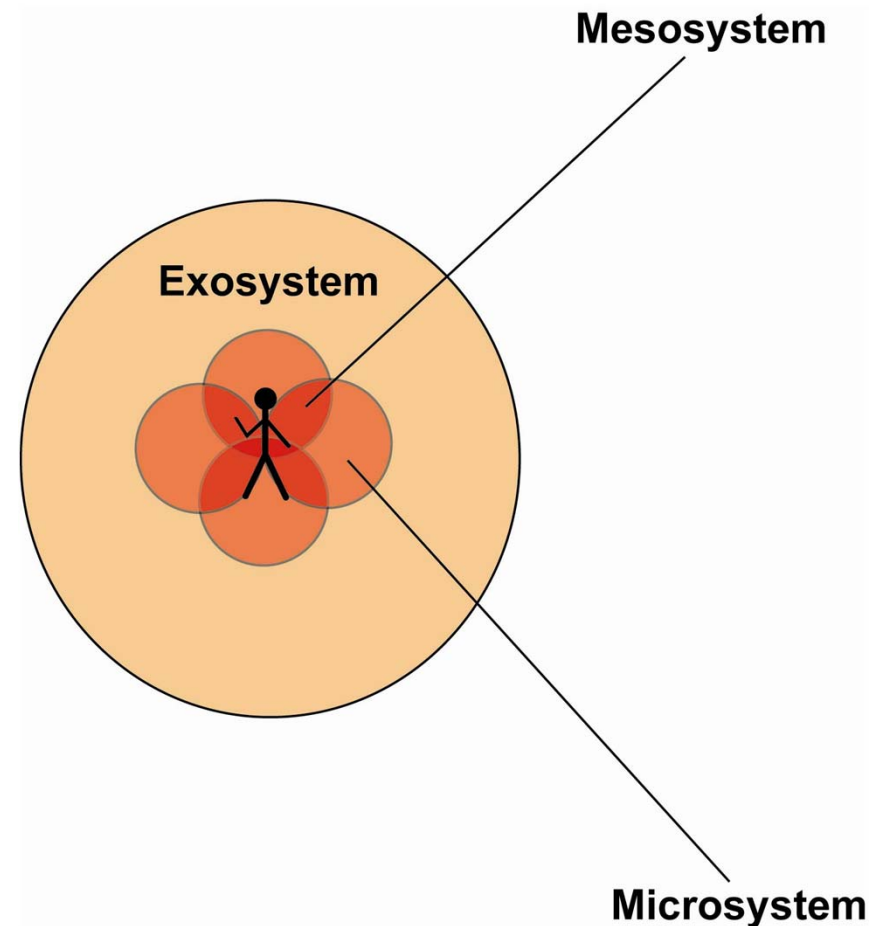
Mesosystem

- Interconnections between the different microsystems
- i.e. communication between a teacher and a parent



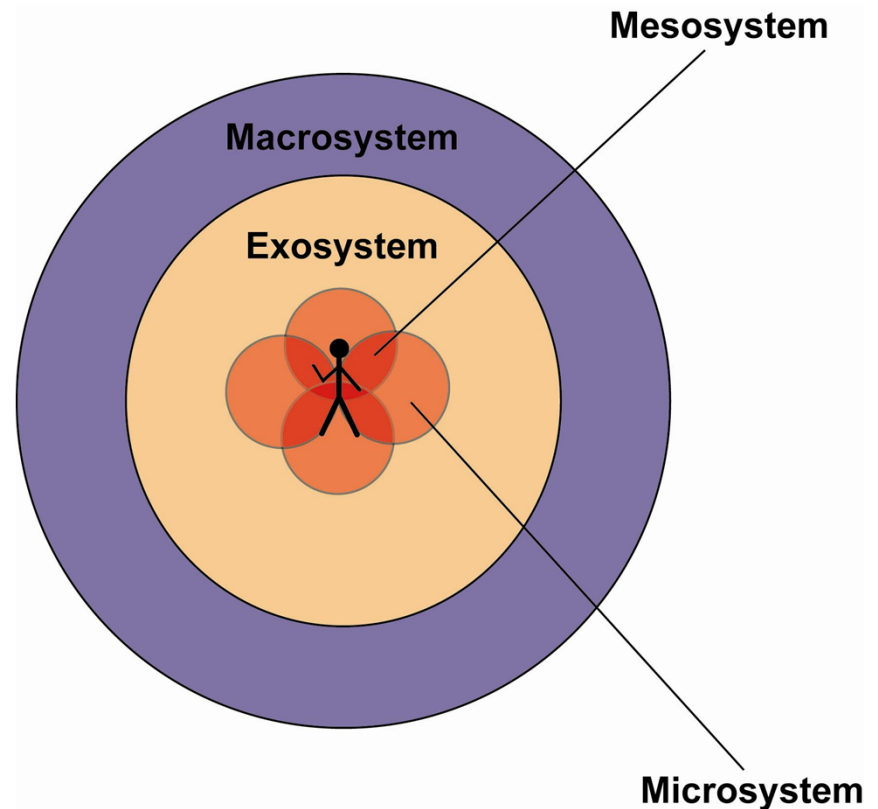
Exosystem

- Setting that do not directly involve the person, but which exert influence on the person
- i.e. the media, public policy, access to services



Macrosystem

- Social blueprint
- i.e.: Cultural values, belief systems, societal norms, gender-role socialization, race relations, etc.



Chronosystem

- The development of interconnections among individuals and their environments over time.

