

Neurodiversity-Affirming Parenting

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Week 1: Neurodiversity & Executive Functioning



What does it mean to be
neurodiversity-affirming?

Language & Communication

Acquiring Language

Building Language

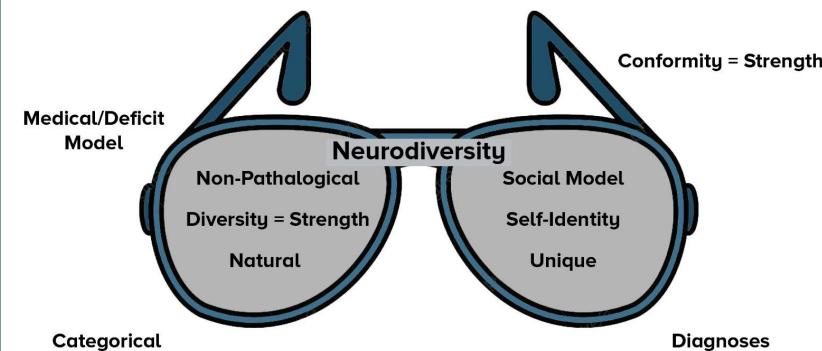
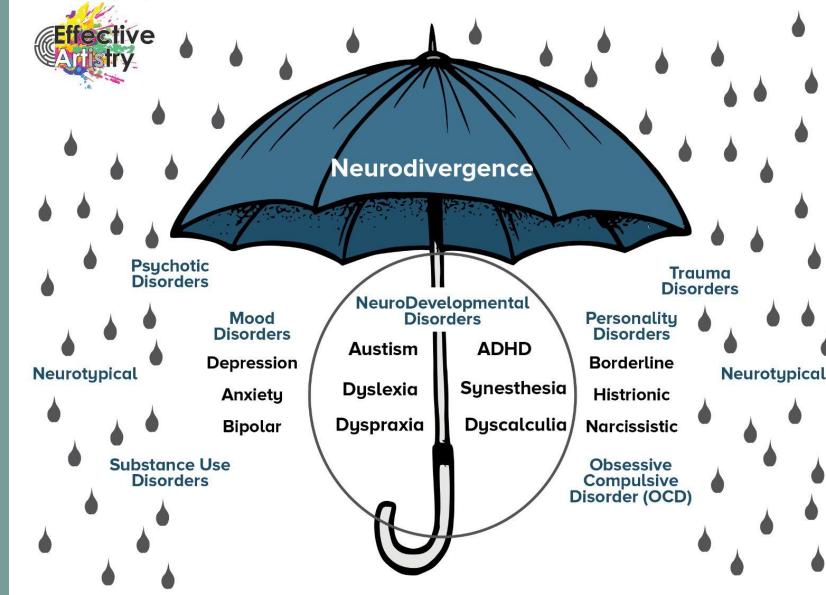
Using Language

Neurodiversity

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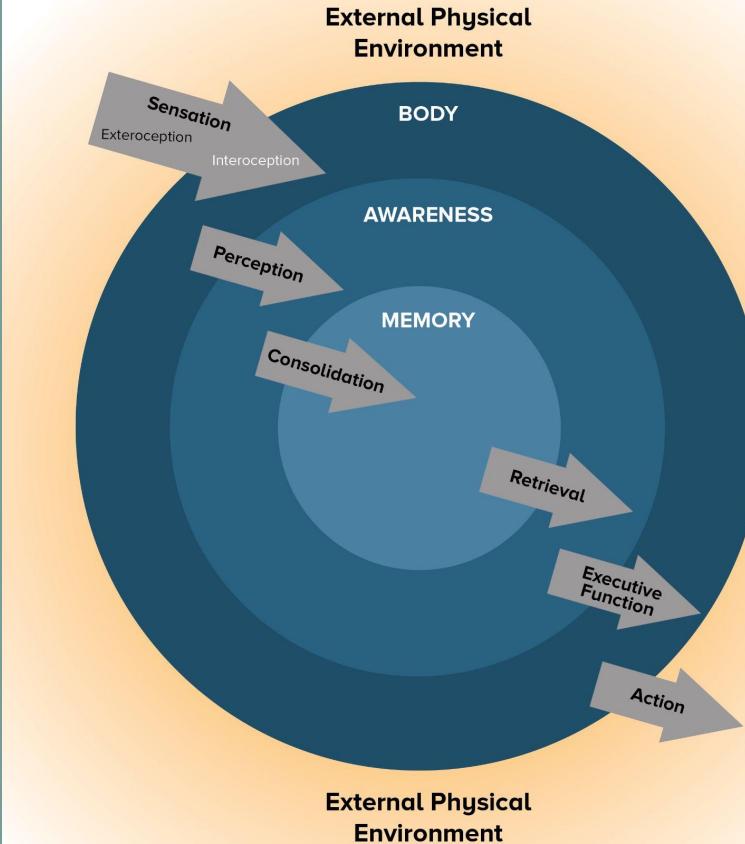
Neurodivergence, Neurotypes & Neurotypicality



QUESTIONS on neurodiversity?

Executive Functioning

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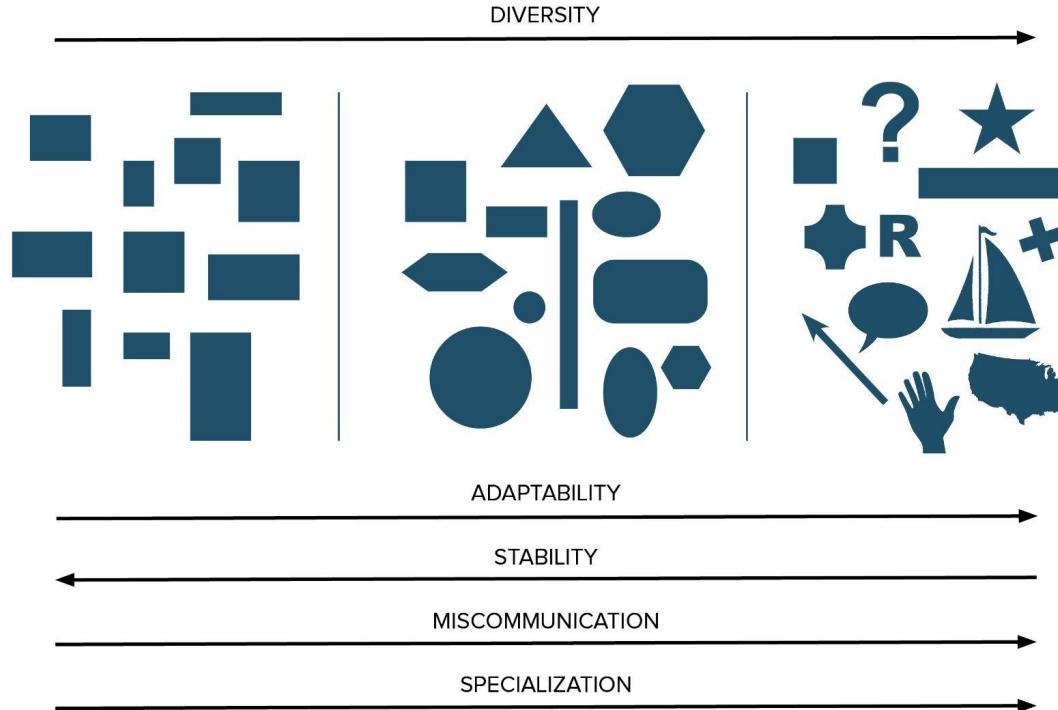


Executive Subfunctions

Diversity

Diversity = the extent to which differences exist within a group

As diversity increases, some things get easier and some get harder



Executive Functioning

Neurodiversity reframes mental illness as variations in neurological functioning: in large part, Executive Functioning

QUESTIONS?

Executive Function/Dysfunction



EXECUTIVE FUNCTION/DYSFUNCTION

Offloading



OFFLOADING

HOME	WORK
Ex. Alarm clock	Ex. Trello board
PERSONAL	SOCIAL
Ex. YouTube account w/ likes & subscriptions	Ex. Spouse sets up get-togethers w/ friends

Traits

Advantages & Disadvantages



TRAIT ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES

Terms & Concepts



TERMS & CONCEPTS

TERM/CONCEPT	DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION