

what is culture?

Culture is the lens that we view the world through. Everyone has the right to connect to their culture. Here are some questions to help you define your own culture & support others to connect to their culture.

What is more important: rules or relationships? • What do “rights” mean to you? Human rights? The rights of children and youth? • Is it more important to be an individual or to be part of a group? • Who is allowed to know how you are feeling? • Is it normal to do one thing at a time or many things at once? • Do you try to control the world around you or do you control it? • How do you think power and privilege should work? Is it OK to have more powerful and less powerful people? • How do you relate to animals and nature? • What are your traditions? • What do you celebrate? • What happens at your celebrations? • How do you feel about being in a very uncertain or unfamiliar situation? • How do you feel when people talk about their beliefs when they are much different than your own? • How do you develop connections with other people? • Should people be able to dress however they choose? • When do you eat? • How do you share your family’s stories? • What does “personal space” mean to you? • What makes a good leader? • How important is it to you that people are “on time”? • What are the qualities of a good friend? • What can people from different cultures do to better understand each other?