

Conceptual Framework: Differential Response as Culturally Responsive Practice

Differential Response: Potential Impact on Disparities

Differential Response Core Components	Process		Culturally Responsive Practice: Potential Impact on Disparities
Engage family in decision-making	Strengthen families by shifting from fault-finding to engagement	Meet needs that family identifies as most important	Reduce racial bias by including the family in making key decisions
Address families' basic needs	Assist more low-income families	More likely to receive concrete support (help with food, clothing, utilities or rent; help in looking for employment)	Intersection of poverty and race: addressing basic needs may help to reduce racial disparities and disproportionality
Shift to prevention	Assist more "low-risk" families	Help families that may otherwise be turned away	Prevention and early intervention are key points to address racial disparities.
Identify networks of support	Identify existing assets and resources	Build social capital of parents and families.	Engaging and supporting extended families - linked to positive outcomes for families of color.
Partner with community organizations	Families are facing increasingly complex challenges.	Child welfare systems do not have the resources to solely support families: need to collaborate.	Opportunity to build community capacity to address structural and neighborhood effects on child welfare.

(Framework by A. Semanchin Jones (2013) based on literature review: Hill, 2006; Rivaux, et al., 2008; U.S. GAO, 2007, QIC-DR, 2011).

Summary of Study Findings: Differential Response Comparative Analysis

Key Implementation Strategies Linked to Improved Outcomes

