Developmental Theory Diagram

Sociocultural Theory

Zone of Proximal Development: The gap between what a child can do alone vs with guidance.

- Scaffolding: Learning occurs with structured support from someone more knowledgeable.
- Highlights the importance of language in cognitive development.
- Learning occurs socially before it is internalized.
- Sees the child as an "apprentice", learning through observation of other's social interactions.

Social

Interaction

- Active Learning
- Environment is important
- More than just conditioning
- Influenced modern education methods.

Social Learning Theory

- Learning occurs by watching others and imitating them.
- Learning occurs by watching others receive praise or punishment.
- Bobo Doll experiment illustrates how children learn aggression through imitation.
- Personal, behavioral, and environmental factors all effect each other.
- Notes the impact of media on children's development and behavior.

Summary: Both of these theories share a lot in common. I chose these 2 for their similarity and because they made the most sense to me out of the bunch we learned about. If I had to choose one, I would choose Sociocultural Theory. I witness just how much more a child can learn and accomplish with guidance every time I go to work as a tutor.