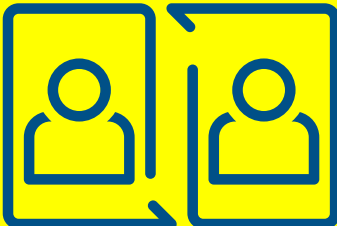





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KEY SOCIAL CONTEXT FOR POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN ADOLESCENCE

WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY?

Adolescence is a unique time of life when healthy development and experiences with racism intersect within the contexts and spaces where we develop, creating different experiences along racial lines. Research highlights how these key contexts can shape healthy development for Black youth.

PEERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA	FAMILY	SCHOOLS	COMMUNITY
<p>During adolescence, relationships with peers become increasingly central to healthy development as belonging to social groups outside the family takes on new importance.</p>	<p>Supportive relationships with parents and other caregivers are crucial in adolescence, even as youth establish stronger relationships with peers and engage in more exploration.</p>	<p>As the largest institution serving youth in our country, schools have great potential to promote anti-racism and facilitate positive development for Black youth.</p>	<p>The communities and neighborhoods where adolescents spend time also offer promising avenues to support positive growth and resilience in the face of racism.</p>
			

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

As developmental scientists, parents, teachers, and policymakers, we must collectively support adolescents by interrupting and dismantling racism so that adolescents can become the healthy, compassionate, free-thinking adults of tomorrow that our nation and world need to thrive.

