WHAT DO WE VALUE?

**The Framework: Individualism Versus Collectivism**

**INDIVIDUALISM:**

* Stresses independence
* Stresses individual achievement
* Focuses on the Needs of individuals
* Self-expression
* Person choice is valued
* “That’s mine!”
* Private property
* Most child care centers and Family child-care homes operate in this mode
* Objects: cubbies, desk, pencil box, lunch box, names, pictures, etc.

**COLLECTIVISM:**

* Interdependence
* Reflection of cultures values
* Social responsibility
* Group priorities
* Respect for authority
* Obligation to group norms
* Possessions are shared
* Objects are used to be interactive with others
* Helping
* Sharing
* Family as UNIT..not individuals

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