Changing Families and Children's Rights: How Shifting Paradigms can Impact Child Protection

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Objectives

• Protection of children

• Children’s rights

• Families
Child/Parent/State Triangle

State

Child

Parent

Zone of privacy

State intervention either deflected from or piercing zone of privacy
Microsystems and Mesosystems
Exosystems

Exosystems

- Parent’s Workplace
- Healthcare
- Labor Market
- Justice System
- Political System

Child
Macrosystems