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Stellingen

Propositions accompanying this dissertation

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The complexity of transculturally placed foster youth's ethnic identity and the way they are ethnically socialized by their primary carers

1. For transculturally placed foster youth, developing an ethnic identity is a complex task (this dissertation).
2. Transculturally placed foster youth need to process ethnic minority as well as ethnic majority identity messages into their identity. Therefore, they may develop a dual ethnic identity (this dissertation).
3. Ethnic minority foster youth deal with at least two marginalized identities in society: being in foster care, and having an ethnic minority background, which impacts their sense of self negatively (this dissertation).
4. Movements like Black Lives Matter impact foster youth's awareness of marginalized positions of ethnic minorities in majority society (this dissertation).
5. Trauma impacts foster youth's ethnic identity, and should be addressed together with their ethnic identity development (this dissertation).
6. Cooperation between foster parents and foster youth's birth network, is essential for the foster youth to develop an ethnic identity (this dissertation).
7. For foster parents, it is a complex task to raise ethnic minority and vulnerable youth, who struggle with trauma's, issues of belonging, and ethnicity (this dissertation).
8. Foster parents balance between being the same as one family, and addressing ethnicity differences between individuals in that family (this dissertation).
9. Foster parents should be aware of ethnicity bias in society. This will help them to better understand their foster youth's possible struggles with ethnicity (this dissertation).
10. Discrimination should be unsilenced in foster families, so transculturally placed foster youth will be better prepared for ethnicity bias in society (this dissertation).
11. Foster youth have many, and layered social and personal identities, and ethnicity is one of them (this dissertation).
12. As it was in the beginning - *one love* - so shall it be in the end - *one heart*- (One love, Bob Marley lyrics).