



Parents' Perspectives of Nature or Nurture in their Children's Development

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Introduction

- Nature is our genes that determine everything about us
- Nurture is the environment that shapes and changes us
- Naturists believe that we cannot be changed by our environment and we are stuck with our genes
- Nurturists believe that we can be shaped by environment and our genes do not matter.

Purpose

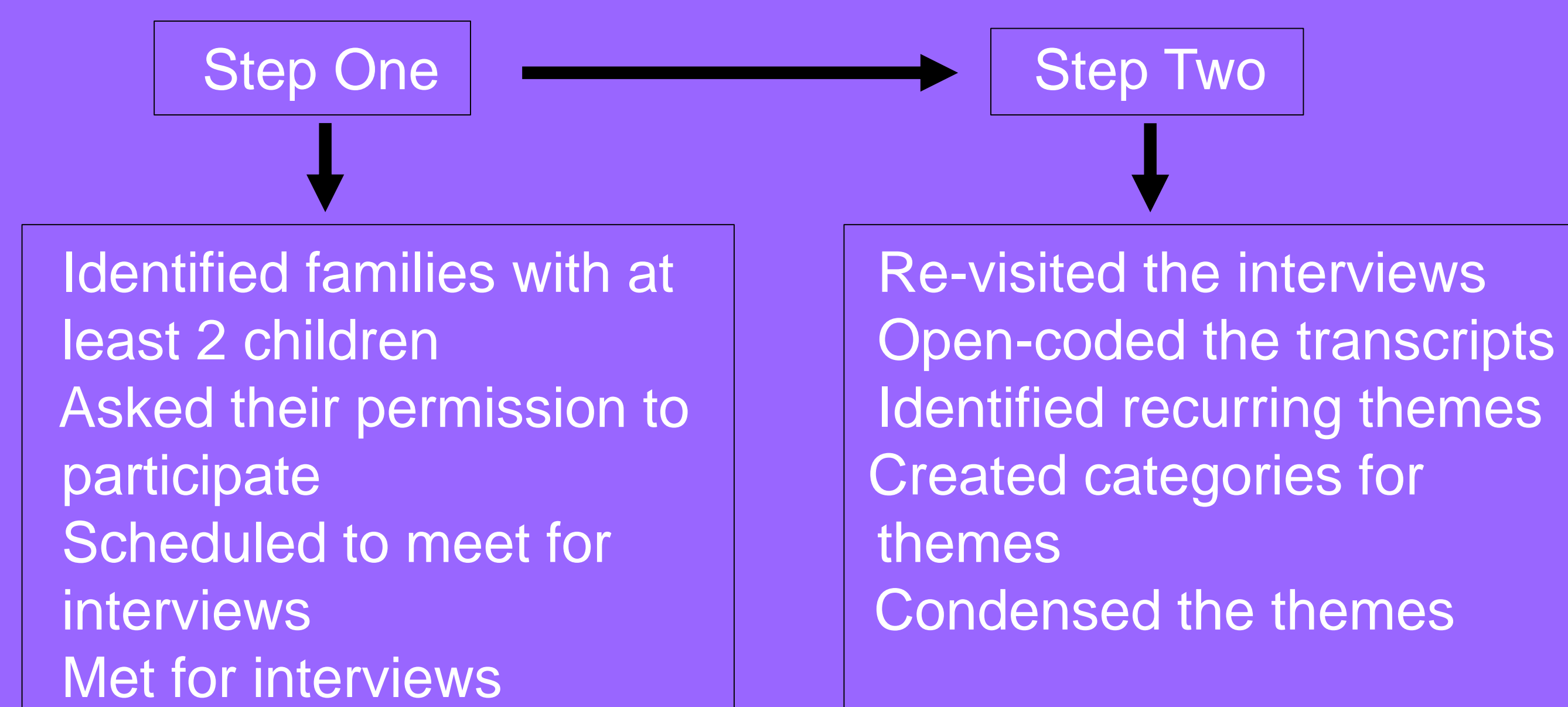
- Talk to parents about how they raised their first child
- Talk to parents about how they changed their parenting styles after the first child
- Talk to parents about their understanding of nature and nurture
- Talk to parents about their view of both nature and nurture in raising their children



Data Collection

Family	Structure	# of Children
Houle	Traditional	3
Rouse	Foster	2
Davis	Modern	5

Data Analysis



Results

- Found reoccurring themes while interviewing
 - All parents said that they relied more heavily on nature with their first child but with their other child/ren leaned more towards nurture
 - This seemed to have influenced development differently because the children were more independent
- Even though parents raised their 2nd and 3rd children the same, they found that the children were still extremely different
 - This implies that both nature and nurture play an important role in child rearing and development

Implications

- Parents need to understand that neither nature nor nurture can single-handedly raise a child
- Parents need to understand that a healthy mix of the two is needed
- If your child has something that makes them unique that they were born with do not smother it, instead nourish it while continuing to mold the other areas of your child's life

Conclusion

- Children are going to be who they are "coded" to be
- Parent's can still mold and lead their children through properly nourishing their development

Nature vs Nurture



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