



Note to Caregivers: This checklist is designed to assist you in observing and fostering cultural competence in your child. It's also an opportunity for self-reflection on your own cultural competence. Cultivating these traits is a shared journey of growth with your child. Each child is unique, and these characteristics might manifest differently in every individual. Utilize this checklist as a reflection and discussion tool for both you and your child. Remember, nurturing cultural competence is a continuous process, embracing both self-awareness and an appreciation of others. This journey is not just about guiding your child but also about learning and growing alongside them.

Characteristics of Culturally Competent Kids Checklist

1. **Open-mindedness:** Shows willingness to learn about and appreciate different cultures and perspectives.
2. **Curiosity:** Actively inquires about different cultures, showing interest in learning new things.
3. **Self-awareness:** Has a strong understanding and appreciation of their own culture, and expresses it with confidence.
4. **Pride in Own Culture:** Demonstrates a strong sense of pride in their cultural heritage and practices.
5. **Effort in Cultural Practice:** Makes an effort to learn about and actively engage in their own cultural practices.
6. **Empathy:** Understands and respects the feelings and perspectives of people from diverse backgrounds.
7. **Adaptability:** Adjusts behavior in a culturally appropriate manner in different settings.
8. **Respect for Diversity:** Appreciates and values differences in people, cultures, and customs.
9. **Effective Communication:** Communicates respectfully and clearly with people from various cultural backgrounds.
10. **Cultural Awareness:** Recognizes and understands their own cultural biases and assumptions.
11. **Inclusiveness:** Includes and welcomes peers from diverse backgrounds in activities and social groups.
12. **Critical Thinking:** Questions stereotypes and challenges cultural biases.
13. **Collaboration:** Works well with others from different cultural backgrounds, respecting their ideas and contributions.