

Perspectives on Child Development

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General Theory

Content specific versus content general theorizing

Four level theory – focus on two

10 Variable categories to think about

Proximal Determinants of Behavior

(Level 1)

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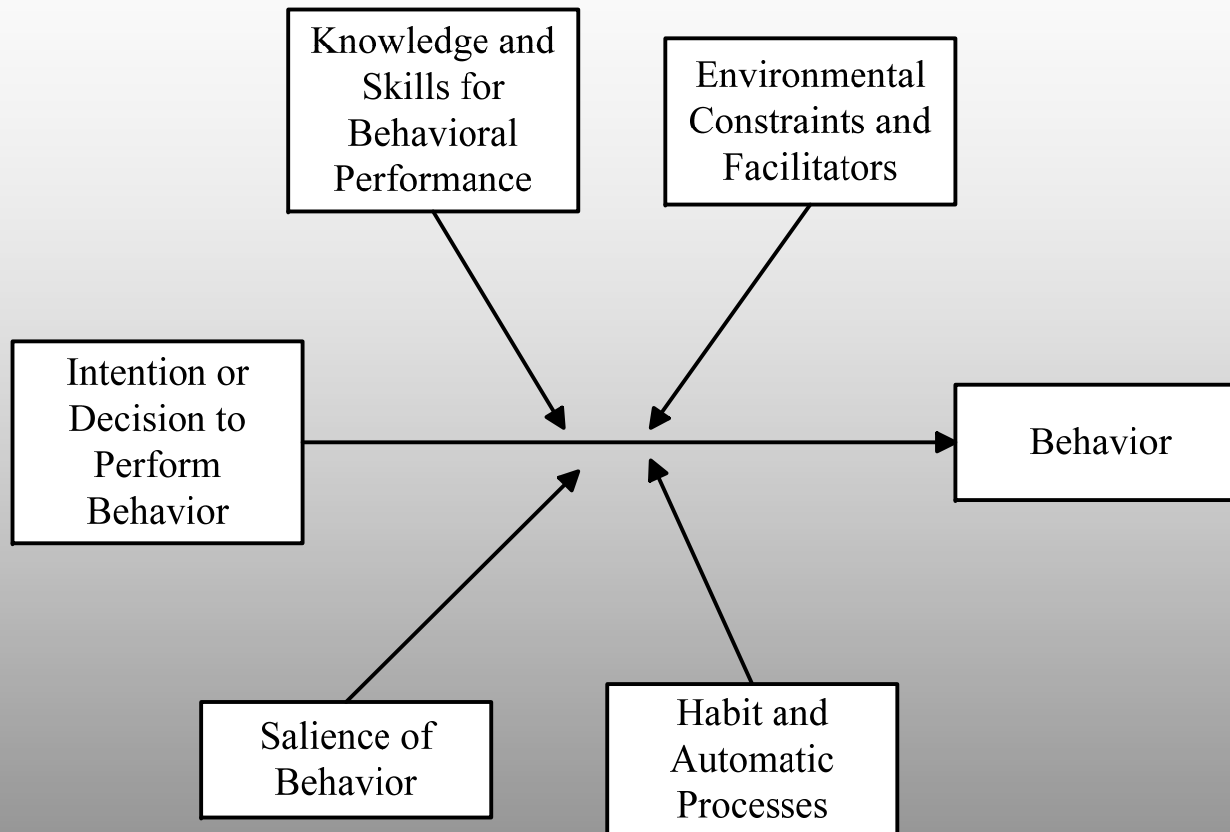
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Habit and automatic processes



Proximal Determinants of Behavior

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Expectancies/perceived advantages and disadvantages

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Self concept and image implications

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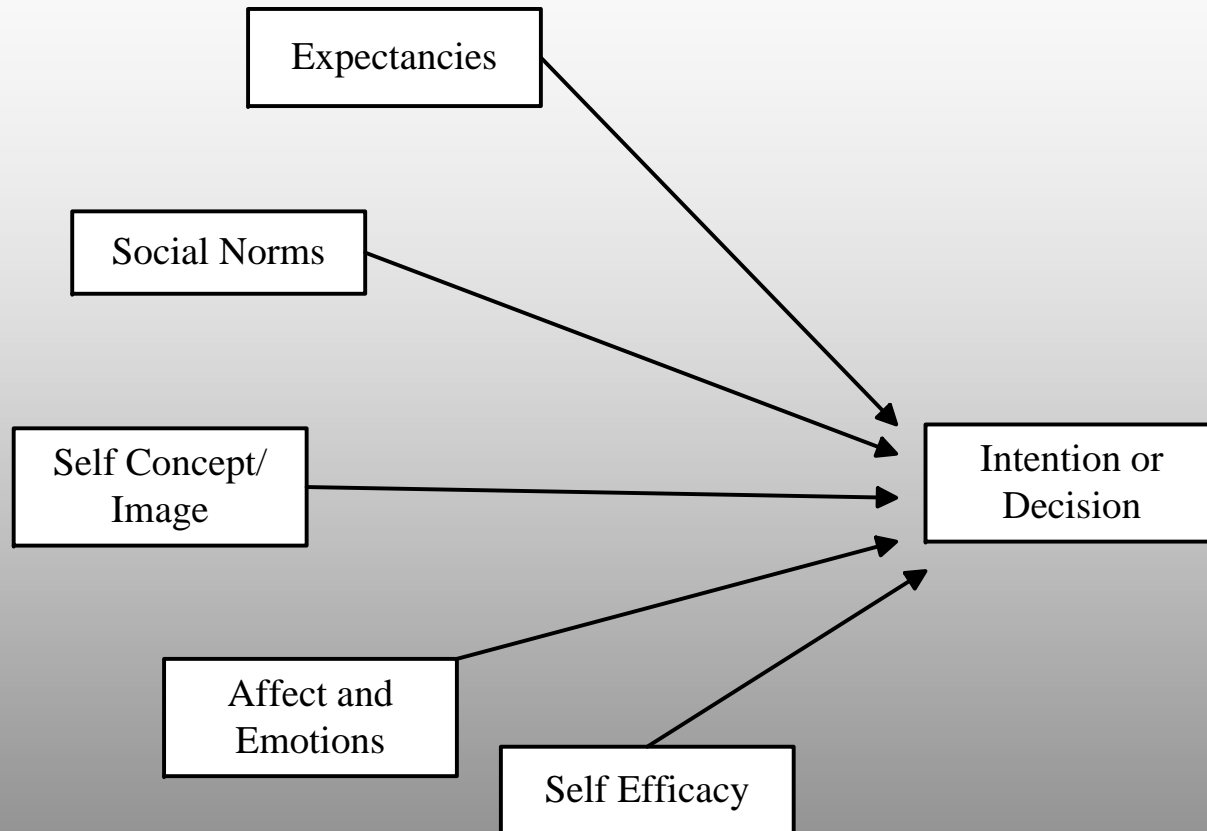
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Key Developmental Perspectives

Importance of variables as determinants varies

**Distal determinants are important (age, gender, class
ethnicity, alcohol use, depression, personality)**

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My Areas of Emphasis

Parenting influences

Sex, drugs, and rock and roll