

Best Practices in ELL Assessment

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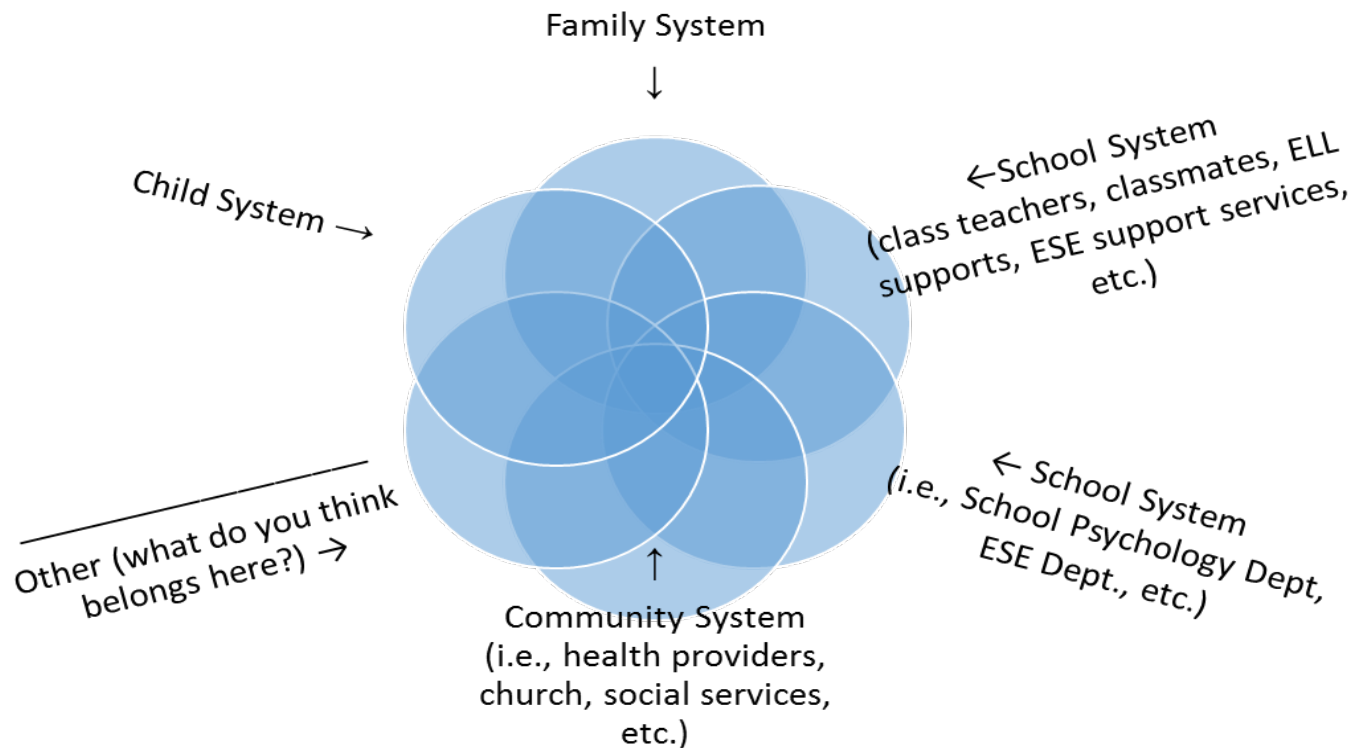
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My Perspective: Systems Theories Applied to Psychological Assessment

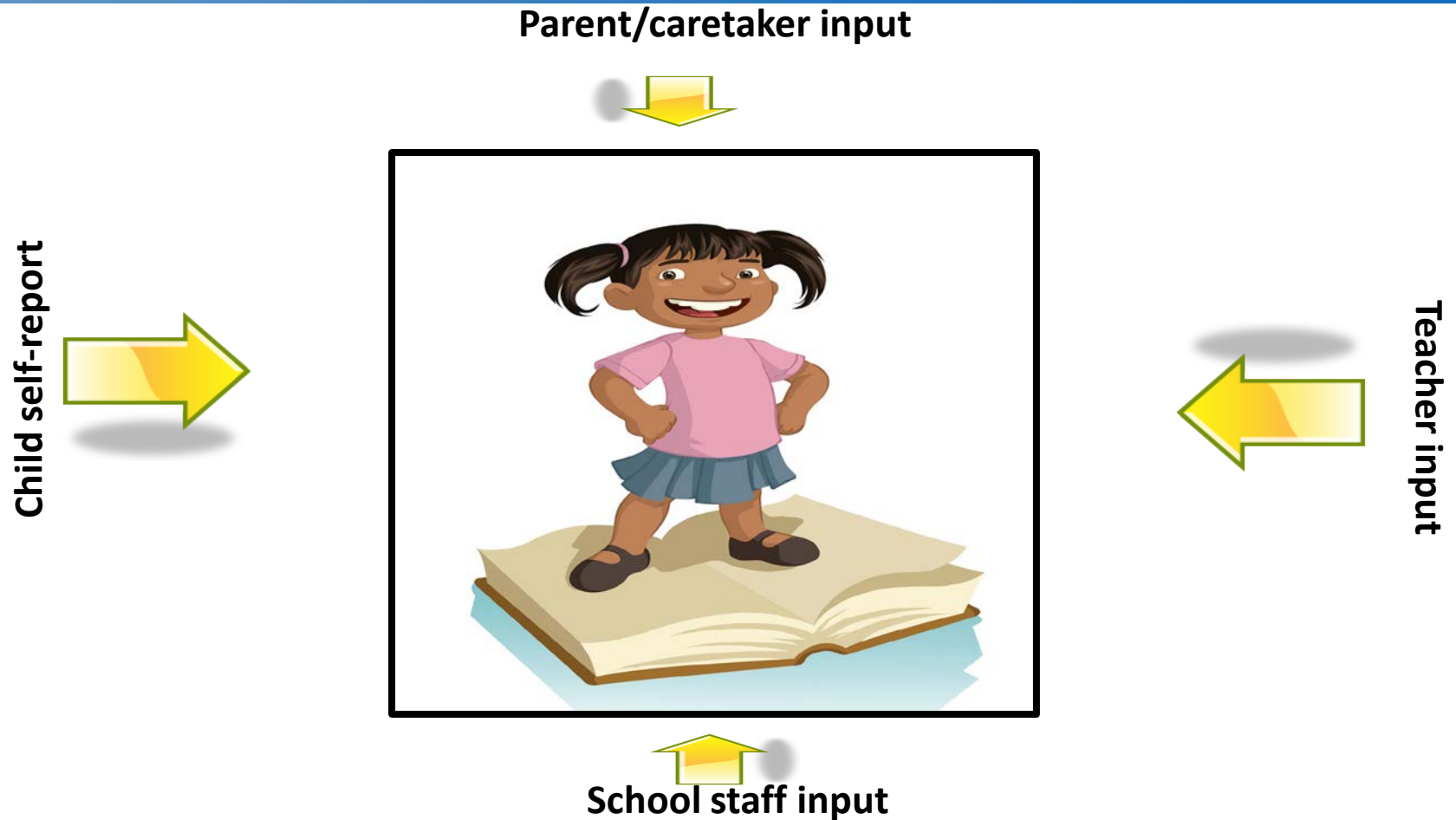
My approach to assessment includes a three-part approach:

1. The world the child lives in
2. How that world “understands” that child
3. The child

Preparing for an Assessment: Understanding the contribution of each “system”



The Interview: Obtaining information from multiple sources sets a 'frame' for assessment



The frame for the system of inquiry as we assemble the puzzle

Getting To Know an ELL Student Personally

Parent/caretaker input

Teacher input

Cognitive



Language →

← Academics

Other areas relevant to
referral question
(i.e., Memory, Motor) →

← Adaptive

Social/Emotional

School staff input

Child self-report

