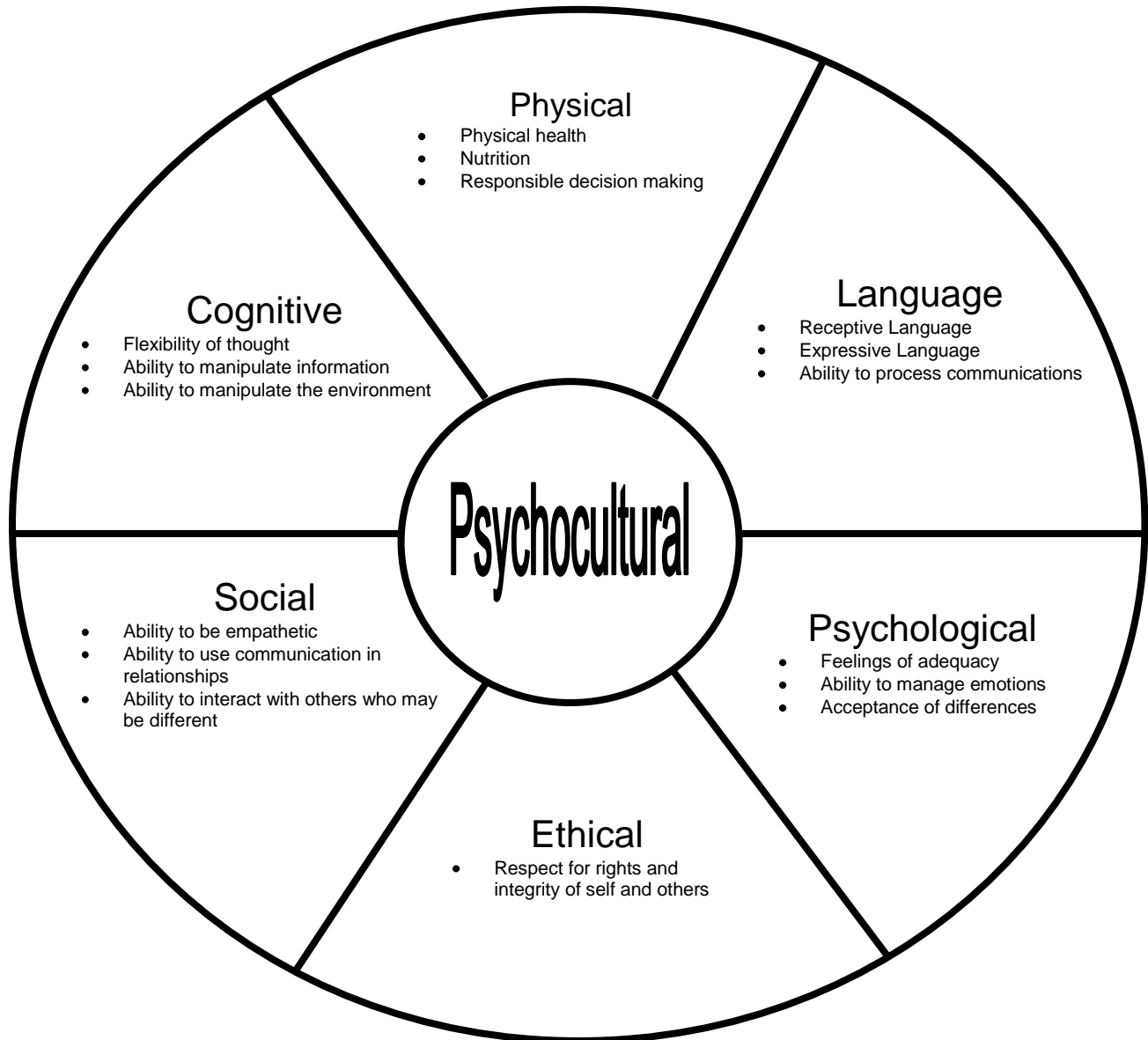


Six Developmental Pathways

"Effective Intelligences"

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Dr. Comer has identified six developmental pathways for young people. The pathways should be viewed as a comprehensive unit rather than as isolated components. The goal is to encourage the interaction of all of the pathways to create a whole balanced person. The Physical Pathway relates to the child's body. A healthy body is the foundation on which the other pathways develop. The Cognitive Pathway refers to the child's capacity to think and to use one's mind to handle challenges. The Psychological Pathway involves self confidence, self esteem, and the ability to gain control over one's feelings, and to accept oneself. The Social Pathway refers to how one interacts with others and establishes trusting relationships. The Language Pathway involves the ability to receive and express oneself through spoken and written language. The Ethical Pathway describes the ability to act in the best interest of oneself and others.