Children's Experiences and Development

Children participate in a variety of educational experiences and organizations in their communities where they may or may not feel supported. Visit the links in Focused Topics, Creating Gender Safe Spaces Lesson 2 Apply activity. The links share real children's experiences. As you read and listen to the families' stories, think about how the experiences could both negatively and positively affect a child's development. Write your reactions in the space below.

1. What aspects of these experiences could negatively affect a child's development?

2. What aspects of these experiences could positively affect a child's development?

3. From what you read, what are your initial thoughts on how you could improve the experiences of gender–expansive or LGBTQ children and youth in your program?

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