Marginalised Young People and Misrecognition

A Case Study From Residential Care with Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in Finland

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The study



Receiving recognition is "not just a courtesy [but] a vital human need".



PEOPLE ARE IN A CONSTANT STRUGGLE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF OTHERS. THESE STRUGGLES ORIGINATE IN THE EXPERIENCES OF MISRECOGNITION.



Marginalized young people's needs for recognition are often poorly understood, particularly in the context of institutional care

Conceptual background

Recognition = gaining "acknowledgement that contributes to one's self"

Misrecognition = being acknowledged in a way that "does not jibe with one's own image of oneself"

(Bingham 2001, 3)



See e.g. Warming 2015; Lausten & Fredriksen 2016; Thrana 2016; Paulsen and Thomas 2017; Sirriyeh & Ni Raghallaigh 2018; Häkli et al. 2018

Misrecognition

I WANT TO GO TO HOSPITAL WITH RASHID. HE'S MY FRIEND, HE NEEDS ME, I CAN HELP HIM! NO, YOU CAN'T GO, IT'S REALLY NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. JUST GET AWAY FROM THE AMBULANCE, PLEASE.







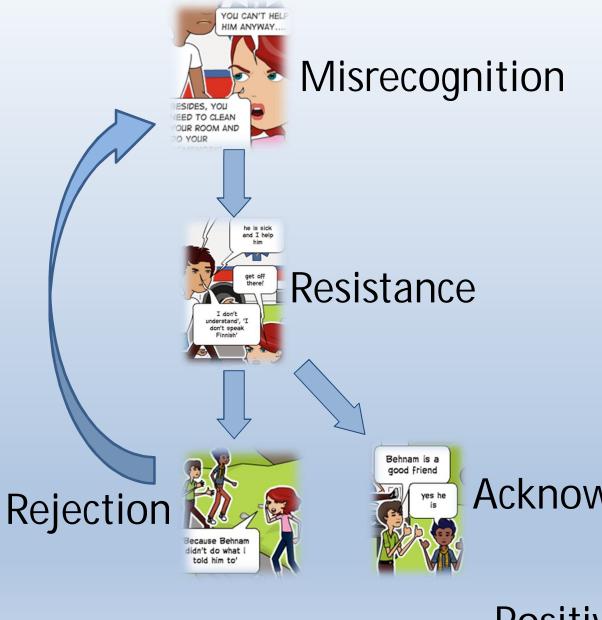
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Rejection/misrecognition of resistance

Acknowledgement/ recognition of resistance







Acknowledgement

Positive identity

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