

Human Behavior and the social environment

Reflection #13

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Name two implications of the fact that women, on average, live longer than men.

Older women since they on average live longer than men they tend to live alone in a greater proportion in comparison to men. Since they tend to outlive their male partners they are often left to live on their own. Also they tend to live with more chronic disabilities in comparison their male counterparts may die before these disabilities set in.

Describe the differences between crystallized and fluid intelligence and give an example of each.

Crystallized intelligence refers to skills that are acquired through experience and knowledge while fluid intelligence refers to basic processing of information. An example of crystallized intelligence would be a seasoned 50-year-old carpenter being able to construct a detailed piece of furniture with no effort. An example of fluid intelligence would be a younger 20 year being able to pick up the latest iPhone and knows how to use its interface after a short tutorial.

How might an older person's depression present differently from that of a younger adult?

While depression may present itself as sadness in younger people for an older person it may not show up as sadness at all. Instead it could show up as the loss of fulfillment or pleasure that in things that use to bring pleasure. Also for older people depression could have physical traits such as feeling weak or dizzy when there are no underlying factors that would explain those physical ailments

Name three red flags for elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation that social workers should be aware of.

Three red flags of elder abuse are the following:

The older individual appear to be hypervigilant or nervous ,which could be sign that they are being physically abused and wants to make sure that prepared if it happens again.

Poor hygiene, and nutrition which shows that they are being neglected and not properly cared for.

The caregiver displays hostility and impatience toward the elderly. Often times families that suspect that their elderly family member is being abused, they set up hidden cameras which reveals heinous acts of abuse toward older family members at the hands of their care giver.