15.7: Summary

The stereotypes that people hold about others can lead to the development of prejudice. That prejudice can become discrimination that excludes others and leads to inequitable treatment. That discrimination includes, racism, sexism, ableism, ageism, classism, cissexism, heterosexism, religism, weightism, and homophobia. But prejudice is learned and thus can be unlearned. We can teach children accurate information about others.

We must also be aware of the impact that early education and care settings have on children and the way they see themselves and their families. For many children, this involves disruption of their cultural continuity. Educators must work to provide a caring community for children and their families.