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Examining Policies Using the Family Impact Perspective

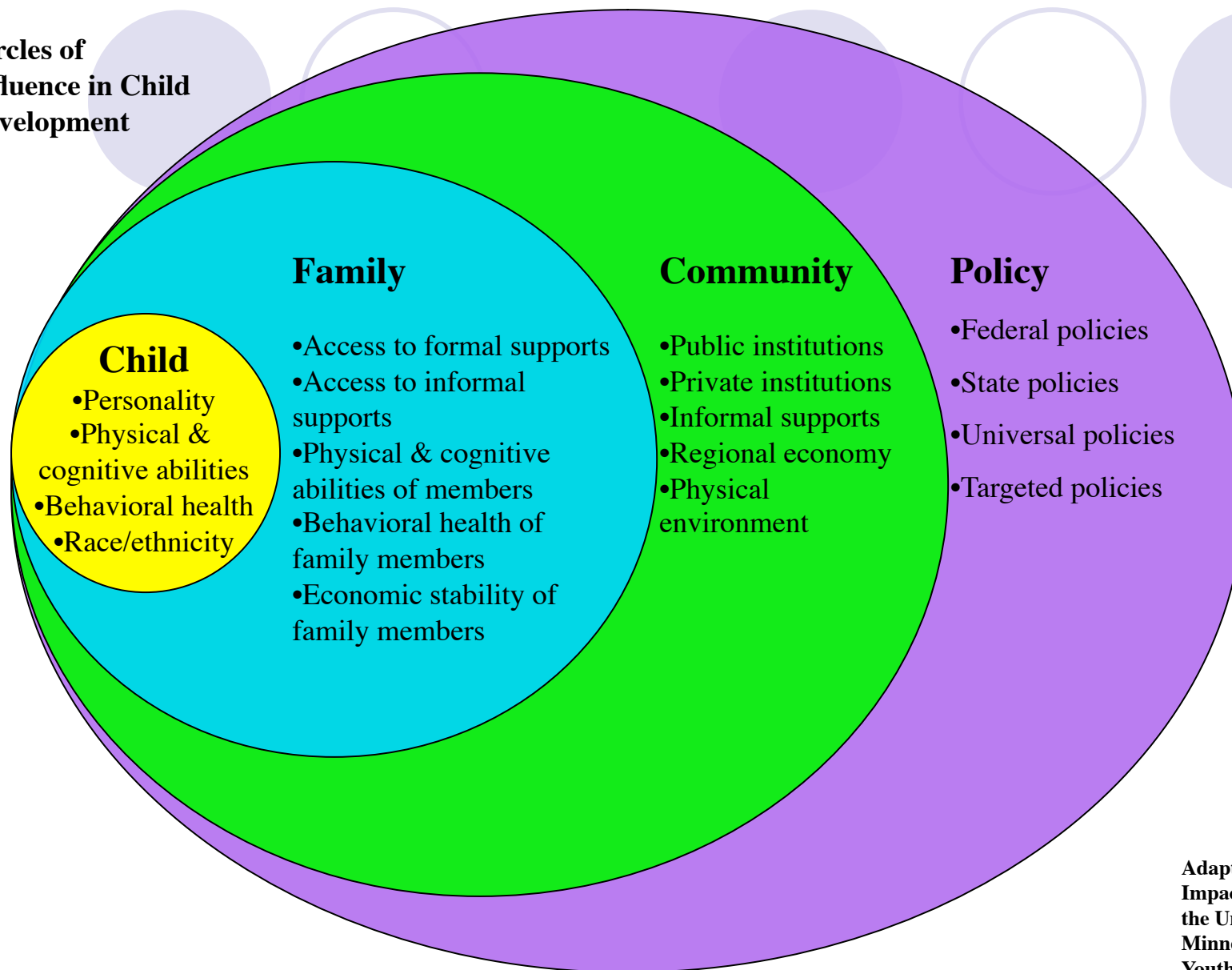
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Family Impact of Public Policies

Family Focused Questions:

What can government and community institutions do to enhance the family's capacity to help itself and others?

What effect does (or will) this policy (or program) have for families? Will it help or hurt, strengthen or weaken family life?



The Family Impact Checklist

- ✓ Family support & responsibilities
- ✓ Family membership & stability
- ✓ Family involvement & interdependence
- ✓ Family partnership & empowerment
- ✓ Family diversity
- ✓ Support of vulnerable families

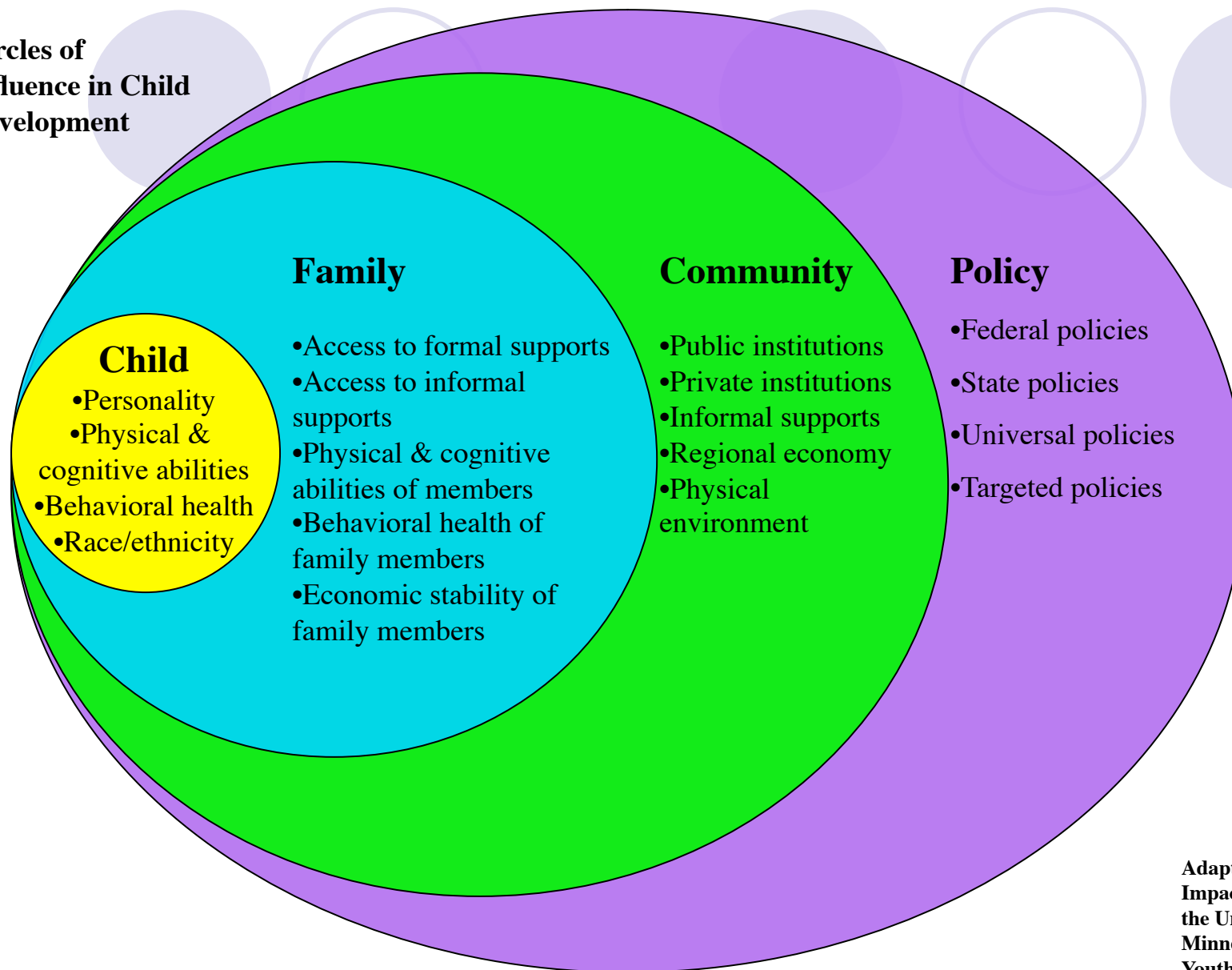


How might special education finance policies impact families?

Examples

- Formula issues: type impacts services
- Finance equity issues: in district vs.. out of district services
- Cost savings issues: early identification

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