In monoracial families, parents and children are more likely to understand and relate to one another's racial experiences, so parents are able to provide guidance for how to navigate race and racism. In Multiracial families however, each parent has a different racial background and unique racial experience, and their Multiracial child has their own unique set of experiences. For example, Multiracial youth report experiencing racism from their own family members and other monoracial members of their racial groups (Snyder, 2012). Parents may not always be aware of the struggles their children are facing because they do not have the same racial background and have never experienced these issues. Thus, this research is needed to understand how Multiracial family members are communicating with one another about race and supporting their Multiracial children.

**Research Questions**

**Research question 1:** What explicit and implicit messages do parents of Multiracial youth transmit about discrimination, racial-ethnic identity, and culture?

**Research question 2:** How do adolescents interpret their parents’ racial-ethnic socialization messages and behaviors? Do adolescents’ perceptions of messages vary based on the race and gender of their parent?

**Research question 3:** How do family members understand and support each other despite having different racial backgrounds and experiences? How do parents respond to their Multiracial adolescents’ racial experiences? Which responses do Multiracial adolescents see as supportive?

**Methodology**

**Recruitment:** A diverse sample of 20 families with Multiracial adolescents will be recruited.

**Data Collection:** Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with the entire family, followed by separate interviews with the adolescent and parents.

**Transcription and Coding:** Interviews will be transcribed. Two coders will code all of the transcripts. Interrater reliability will be calculated.

**Analysis:** Thematic analysis will be used to identify themes in the data (Braun & Clarke, 2006).

**Findings**

Findings will have implications for practitioners working with diverse families. Strategies drawn from the study for improving communication between parents and Multiracial youth will be made into a tip sheet and shared with the participating families and the public (including the Multiracial Families Project Facebook page).

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