

VIETNAMESE PARENTS' EXPERIENCES OF RACISM

In this series, Best Starts for Kids (BSK) shares survey results about seven questions related to racism from the 2019 BSK Health Survey, along with reactions and insights from families who reviewed these survey results for their community. Across the 10 BIPOC communities included, families faced racism to varying degrees in every facet of life, and families said that racism is under-reported in the BSK Health Survey. Families were commonly subjected to racism in public and professional settings. Families from most communities agreed that acts of racism were common at their child's school, and most communities described racist occurrences in the healthcare system. For more information about the café findings, please see the full Community Café Collaborative report at: <https://bit.ly/3pMbzgf>



29%

of Vietnamese parents said they experienced racism.

Among Vietnamese parents who experienced racism:

36% while receiving medical care

44% at child's activities

36% at child's school

Other common settings include at **work**.

166

Vietnamese parents took the survey in 2019.



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Major Takeaways, Insights, and Themes from Café Discussion:

In general, most participants experienced small discrimination in some form or another at work, in schools, and while receiving healthcare. The idea that it is "racism" was not entirely agreed on by the group. Several participants conveyed that because of language barriers, it was difficult to advocate for their children and families at school, in the doctor's office, and at work. Because of this many felt they are sometimes overlooked or disregarded.



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– Vietnamese Café host

"Participants thought the amount of Vietnamese survey participants was too low and thought maybe it was because the survey was not seen as important. The translation of the survey questions was not clear, in that it was hard to understand some of the concepts for the everyday person."

– Vietnamese Café host



Notes:

The Vietnamese café discussion was facilitated in Vietnamese. The BSK Health Survey was available online and by phone in Vietnamese. Vietnamese parents are defined as parents who selected the Vietnamese group on the survey. Multiracial people are reflected in each category that they selected (e.g., a parent who selected Vietnamese and Somali on the survey would have their responses counted in both Vietnamese and Somali results). Photos generously provided by members of the Vietnamese community.