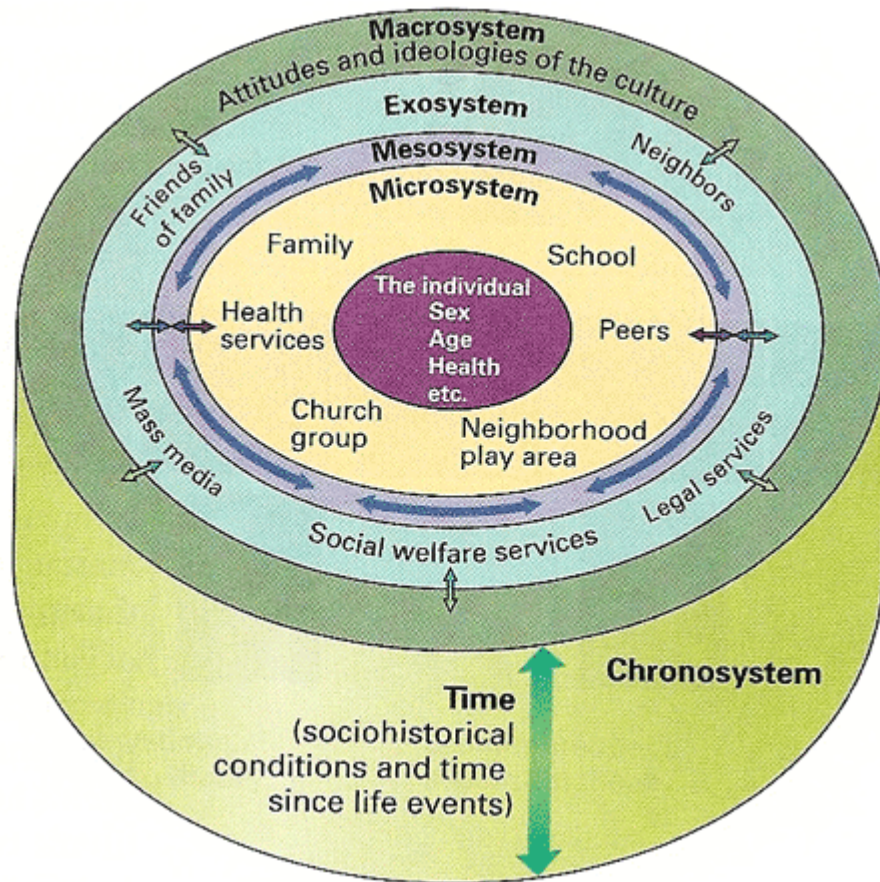


**Theorist –Bronfenbrenner:**

Urie Bronfenbrenner describes his bio ecological theory as resembling Russian nesting dolls. Each aspect of the system fits neatly inside the other systems.

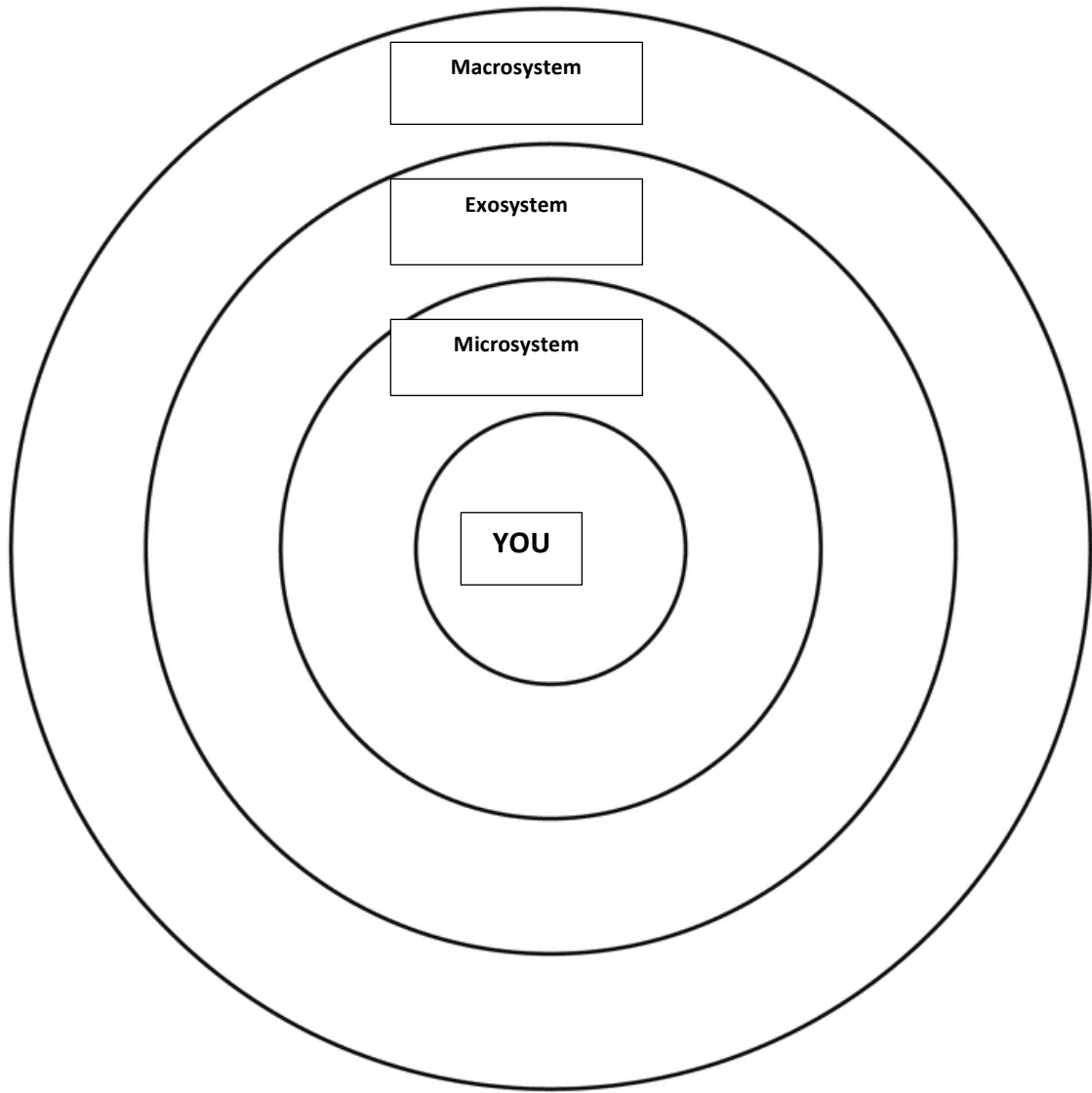
Review this brief video about Urie Bronfenbrenner’s theory: (Follow the link)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=me7103oIE-g&feature=related>



**Reflection:** In your own life, using Bronfenbrenner’s bio-ecological systems theory, fill in the circles of the system. It is probably obvious to you that your family and closest friends, your teachers, and your employers affect your life. However, you may see new connections between yourself and the people or groups in the exosystem and macrosystem of your own ecological system; think about the ways in which one system affects another.

**In the center – You!** Then you need to think about your own microsystem, those influences that play the strongest role in your world. Continue to the exosystem and fill in the social and economic influences that play a role in your life. Then to the macrosystem as you consider the wider role of the general culture in which you live. As you fill in these circles, think about the mesosystem and how the influences from one are intersect with and change the influences from another. Finally, think about your own historical context – the chronosystem. What events played a strong and lasting role on who you are?



**Macrosystem**

**Exosystem**

**Microsystem**

**YOU**

**What connections have you discovered?**

**How might your contexts of development create an unconscious bias? Think carefully and be truthful with yourself. It is these unconscious biases which influence each and every interaction we have with others. They change the way you, as an educator, work with children and families each day.**

