



# **ABRAHAM MASLOW**

1908-1970

CELESTE, NICK, JACOB

# MASLOW'S BACKGROUND

- BORN ON APRIL 1,  
1908
- BROOKLYN, NEW  
YORK
- UNIVERSITY OF  
WISCONSIN
- RECEIVED PHD
- FIRST OF 7  
CHILDREN
- MARRIED BERTHA  
GOODMAN



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT THEORY



## Hierarchy of Needs

The four lowest-level needs are what Maslow referred to as deficiency needs. These needs are due to a lack of something and need to be satisfied in order to avoid unpleasant feelings and to move on to higher level needs. The highest needs in the hierarchy are referred to as being needs or growth needs and involve the desire to grow as an individual and fulfill their own potential.

# PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS

- Breathing, food, water, sex, sleep, homeostasis, excretion

# SAFETY NEEDS

- Security of body, of employment, of resources, of morality, of the family, of health, of property

# LOVE/BELONGING

- Friendship, family, sexual intimacy

# ESTEEM

- Self-esteem, confidence, achievement, respect of others, respect by others

# SELF-ACTUALIZATION

*the realization or fulfillment of one's talents and potentialities, especially considered as a drive or need present in everyone.*

- Morality, creativity, spontaneity, problem solving, lack of prejudice, acceptance of facts



# SCENARIO

## **Physiological needs:**

A healthy baby girl is born and two years later she sleeps and eats well, and breathes normal. When her mother turns the fan on, she shivers and during a hot summer day she sweats.

## **Safety needs:**

A home once had situations of family violence and the child was sometimes abused. Because of lack of work opportunities, a mother is not able to find a job and the household doesn't have economic stability. The child does not feel safe and experiences post-traumatic stress disorder or transgenerational trauma.

## **Love/belonging:**

A father puts his little boy to sleep making sure he says, "I love you" and assures his son with a kiss and affectionately tucks him into bed making sure his son is taken care of.

## **Self-actualization; Esteem:**

A student runs for Vice President of student council at their school and after hard work and determination they succeed and become VP. After thinking he would never make it the new VP was confident in his new position.

# APPLICATION

## HOW CAN THIS THEORY BE RELEVANT TO TODAY'S CHILDREN/HOW COULD IT HELP PEOPLE BECOME PARENTS?

Maslow's theory explains to parents why they need to teach in a certain order. It helps them understand why their children may comprehend or may not comprehend the things that happen. His theory could be an easier way for children to develop because it is well organized. They won't be confused about certain situations because they are being taught a need at a time.



# RESOURCES

- <http://www.muskingum.edu/~psych/psycweb/history/maslow.htm>
- <http://psychology.about.com/od/theoriesofpersonality/a/hierarchyneeds.htm>
- <http://psikoloji.fisek.com.tr/maslow/self.htm>