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<https://tinyurl.com/NESAPCHostSite>
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Let's BACHA 'bout It!

A seemingly innocuous question to ask students at the start of the term is about their break. We might not always know or realize the implications of that question for some of our students without family privilege. Sara Gamez writes in a 2018 NASPA blog post:

"Through my work with foster youth support programs in higher education, I have seen many of my students struggle emotionally and financially during the winter holiday break. Many struggle financially towards the end of the semesters, after trying to make every dollar of their financial aid stretch until the following semester aid disburses. Others have shared that they struggle with not knowing how to respond when they are asked about their plans for the winter holidays break, especially as it relates to family. The complexities of their family dynamics before and during foster care have fragmented their relationships with biological parents, siblings or extended family. These complexities are often difficult to explain to their non-foster care peers, faculty or staff, or for them to comprehend, especially if they have a high quality of family privilege."

This includes and extends past college foster youth to many students without family privilege, which is defined by John Seita (2005) as "benefits, mostly invisible, that come from membership in a stable family... It is an invisible package of assets and pathways that provides us with a sense of belonging, safety, unconditional love and spiritual values."

While checking in with our students about their break can be a normal part of our interactions, it is important to take the time to be aware of our assumptions in the phrasing of our questions about break, family, and the holidays.

Read the full blog post here: <https://www.naspa.org/blog/college-foster-youth-family-privilege-and-the-holidays>

Join The Conversation!

BACHA has a Facebook Group!

We are excited to announce that we have added a Facebook Group to our Facebook Page.

We hope this can be a space for our members to engage in discussion, share articles and resources, and post opportunities at your institution.

After utilizing any of the above resources, let us know your thoughts!

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