Exploring Experiences of Bilingual Professionals Through a Microaggression Lens

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This interpretative phenomenological study examined the experiences of bilingual professionals who work in the court system, using Sue’s framework of microaggressions. Sixteen bilingual professionals who work in the court system in the Northeastern United States participated in this study. Findings revealed bilingual professionals encountered microaggressions that impacted them professionally and personally while working in the court system. Despite these challenges, bilingual professionals navigated microaggressions in the court system by using transformative learning. Implications from this study include the need to support bilingual professionals in work settings, as well as in higher education institutions.

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