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**Abstract:**

The correlation between African American racial identity and racial socialization has been supported in recent research, primarily through quantitative methods. The purpose of this qualitative study is to discover the specific racial socialization practices that occur within African American families, and how such practices influence identity development. Six African American students from a mid-sized, mountain-west university will be interviewed about their racial socialization experiences, and the impact that such experiences have had on their racial identities. Implications of this study will be useful to researchers and clinicians in fields relevant to multicultural counseling, identity development, and racial/ethnic studies.