

THRIVE

An initiative of **The Education Trust in Tennessee**

About The Session:

Nationally, 1 in 4 college students do not return after their freshman year. College Student Development Theory helps us understand the growth and development students are making during this time in their lives and provides us with ways to help guide them as they build their identity.

Key Takeaways:

1. Crisis is an opportunity for growth and development
2. How college students develop identity and why it is unique
3. Arthur Chickering's 7 Vectors of Identity Development
4. William Perry's 4 Stages of Cognitive Growth

Resources:

1. [Theories and Models of College Student Development](#)
2. [Chickering's 7 Vectors: Detailed Prezi](#)
3. [Chickering's Theory Explained](#)
4. [Williams Perry's 4 Stages](#)