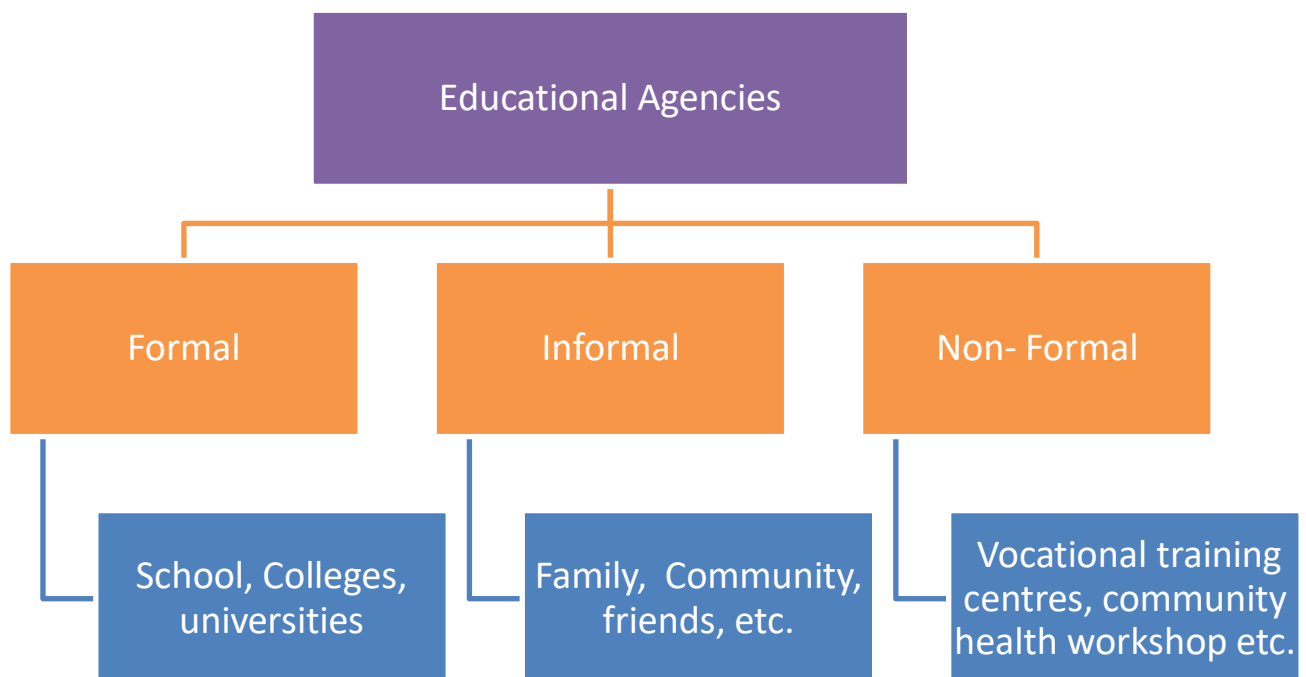


## AGENCIES OF EDUCATION - MEANING AND CLASSIFICATION

As a teacher, you might understand that education is a life-long process. It starts from the birth of the child and continues till the death. During the entire period of one's living, the human being comes in contact with various situations, institutions, and organizations. They get themselves educated through different agencies of education. The agencies of education can be clarified as the sources for getting information, knowledge, and education like the Family, School, Community, Media etc. According to Bhatia (1994), 'Society has developed a number of specialized institutions to carry out the functions of education. These institutions are known as Agencies of Education'. Among the agencies, some may be the formal agencies of education whereas others informal agencies. In this section, we will discuss the classification of the agencies of education.

### Classification

Educational agencies are primarily classified as :



### HOME

As change is a continuous process, you might have observed changes in family system, in terms of deteriorating joint family system and also, size of the family. In joint families, there are the family members who are emotionally attached with each other and play an active role in the upbringing of the development of the child. The

following are the major educational functions of the family which works for developing the all-round personality of the child :

## **Functions of Home in changing scenario of family**

- It educates the child about the attitude, moral and values, ethics, skills, behaviour pattern at the family as well as the society.
- It teaches the child about the culture, tradition, and customs of the society and also, teaches fellow feeling, love and belongingness in living together.
- It helps in developing physical, mental, and emotional development of the child.
- It influences the socialization and actualization of the child.
- It identifies the interest and motivation of the child and accordingly provides opportunities to them.
- Home also helps the child in bringing closeness of home and school.
- Home not only provides basic necessities of the child, it also equally provides many opportunities to the child for future living.
- It helps the child for developing a balanced personality in all aspects of human living.

## **Family as an Agency for the Development of the Child**

- Physical Development.
- Social Development.
- Emotional Development.
- Mental Development.
- Moral and Religious Development.

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