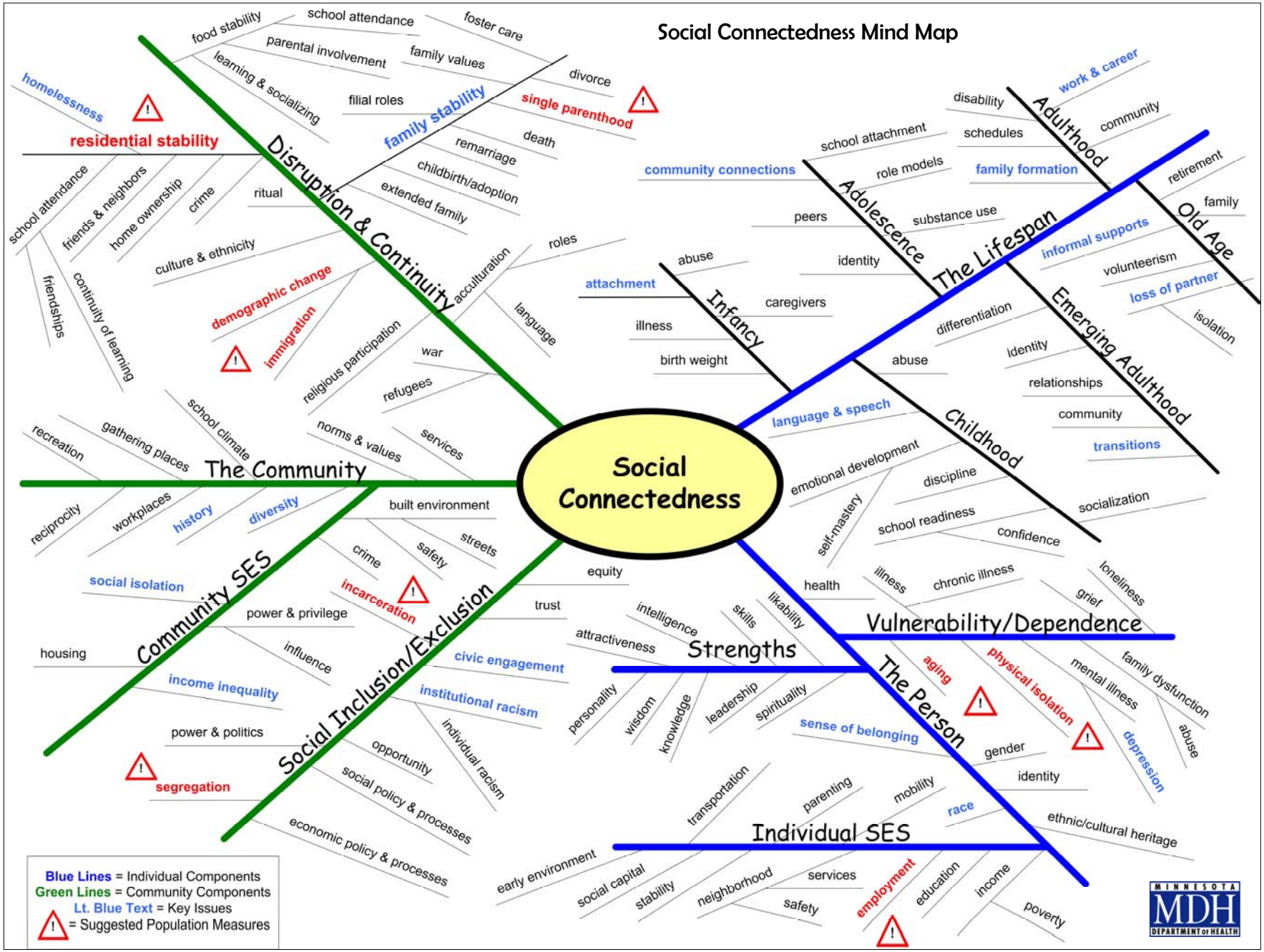

DEFINITION: Social connectedness refers to an *individual's* engagement in an interactive web of key *relationships* within *communities* that have particular physical and social *structures* that are affected by broad economic and political *forces*.

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