Family Issues

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There are many different kinds of families. Some have two parents, while others have a single parent. Sometimes there is no parent and grandparents raise grandchildren. Some children live in foster families, adoptive families, or in stepfamilies.

Families are much more than groups of people who share the same genes or the same address. They should be a source of support and encouragement. This does not mean that everyone gets along all the time. Conflicts are a part of family life. Many issues can lead to conflict, such as illness, disability, addiction, job loss, school difficulties and marital problems. Listening to each other and working to resolve conflicts are important in strengthening the family.

Overviews

Latest News

Treatment
- Family Therapy [http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/family-therapy/MY00814/METHOD=print] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)

Related Issues
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/padres/second_child.esp.html]
- Bonding with Grandparents [http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/grandparents.html] (Nemours Foundation)
- Effect of Anger on Families
Family Issues: MedlinePlus (Print Version)

- Families in the Military
  - [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](http://www.aamft.org/imis15/Content/Consumer_Updates/Effect_of_Anger_on_Families.aspx)
  - [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Families_In_The_Military_88.aspx)
    - Also available in Spanish
      - [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Spanish/Familias_en_el_Servicio_Militar_88.aspx)
  - Family in Crisis
    - [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/family-dynamics/Pages/Family-in-Crisis.aspx)
  - Family Arguments
    - [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/family-dynamics/pages/Family-Arguments.aspx)
  - Family Disruptions
    - [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/family-dynamics/pages/Family-Disruptions.aspx)
  - Family Meals
    - [Nemours Foundation](http://kidshealth.org/parent/nutrition_center/healthy_eating/family_meals.html)
  - Home Alone Children
    - [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Home_A lone_Children_46.aspx)
    - Also available in Spanish
      - [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Spanish/Lo s_Ninos_que_se_Quedan_Solos_en_la_Casa_46.aspx)
  - Importance of Family Routines
  - Improving Family Communications
    - [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/family-dynamics/communication-discipline/pages/Improving-Family-Communications.aspx)
  - Infidelity: Mending Your Marriage After an Affair
    - [Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research](http://www.mayoclinic.com/print/infidelity/MH00110/METHOD=print)
  - Marital Distress
    - [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](http://www.aamft.org/imis15/Content/Consumer_Updates/Marital_Distress.aspx.aspx)
  - Marriage Preparation
    - [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](http://www.aamft.org/imis15/Content/Consumer_Updates/Marriage_Preparation.aspx)
  - Multiracial Families
    - [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](http://www.aamft.org/imis15/Content/Consumer_Updates/Multiracial_Families.aspx)
  - Online Infidelity
    - [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](http://www.aamft.org/imis15/Content/Consumer_Updates/Online_Infidelity.aspx)
  - Roles within the Family
    - [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/family-dynamics/pages/Roles-Within-the-Family.aspx)
  - Small Families
  - Stepsiblings
  - Taking Care of Your Grandchildren
    - [Nemours Foundation](http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/grandkids.html)
    - Also available in Spanish
      - [Nemours Foundation](http://kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/padres/grandkids_esp.html)
  - Working Parents
    - [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/work-play/pages/Working-Parents.aspx)

**Clinical Trials**
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Family [NIH](https://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open/condition=%22Family%22)

**Research**
- Understanding Fragile Families [NIH](https://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/resources/spotlight/pages/120310-
Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Paying attention: Psychosocial interventions for ADHD.
- Article: Social workers’ orientations toward the evidence-based practice process: a comparison...
- Article: A thorn in the side of evidence-based treatment for adolescent...


Organizations

- Administration for Children and Families [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/]
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy [http://www.aamft.org/]
- National Runaway Safeline [http://www.1800runaway.org/]

Law and Policy

- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) [http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/] (Department of Labor)

Statistics

- Living Arrangements of Children [http://www.census.gov/prod/2008pubs/p70-114.pdf] (Bureau of the Census) - PDF
- Married Adults Are the Healthiest [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/04facts/marriedadults.htm] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- National Marriage and Divorce Rate Trends [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/marriage_divorce_tables.htm] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Children

- Foster Families [http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/home_family/foster_families.html] (Nemours Foundation)
- Getting Along with Brothers and Sisters [http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/home_family/sibling_rivalry.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/sibling_rivalry_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/parents_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/single_parents_esp.html]
- Preparing Your Child for a Move [http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/move.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/padres/move_esp.html]
Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/padres/sibling_prep_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/new_baby_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/moving_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/family_fights_esp.html]
- When It's Just You After School [http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/home_family/homealone.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/homealone_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/parents_fight_esp.html]

Teenagers
- Family Money Troubles [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/money_woes.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/money_woes_esp.html]
- Stepparents [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/stepparents.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/stepparents_esp.html]
- When Loved Ones Get Deployed [http://kidshealth.org/teen/misc/war.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/war_esp.html]
- When Parents Argue [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/parents_fight.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/parents_fight_esp.html]
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/fight_esp.html]

Women
- Working Mothers [http://www2.aap.org/publiced/BK0_WorkingMothers.htm] (American Academy of Pediatrics)

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- Child Care [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childcare.html]

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