

Types of Families

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Family

- **Two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption who reside in the same household – or – a group who love and care for each other**
- **Role – Parts one play when interacting with others**

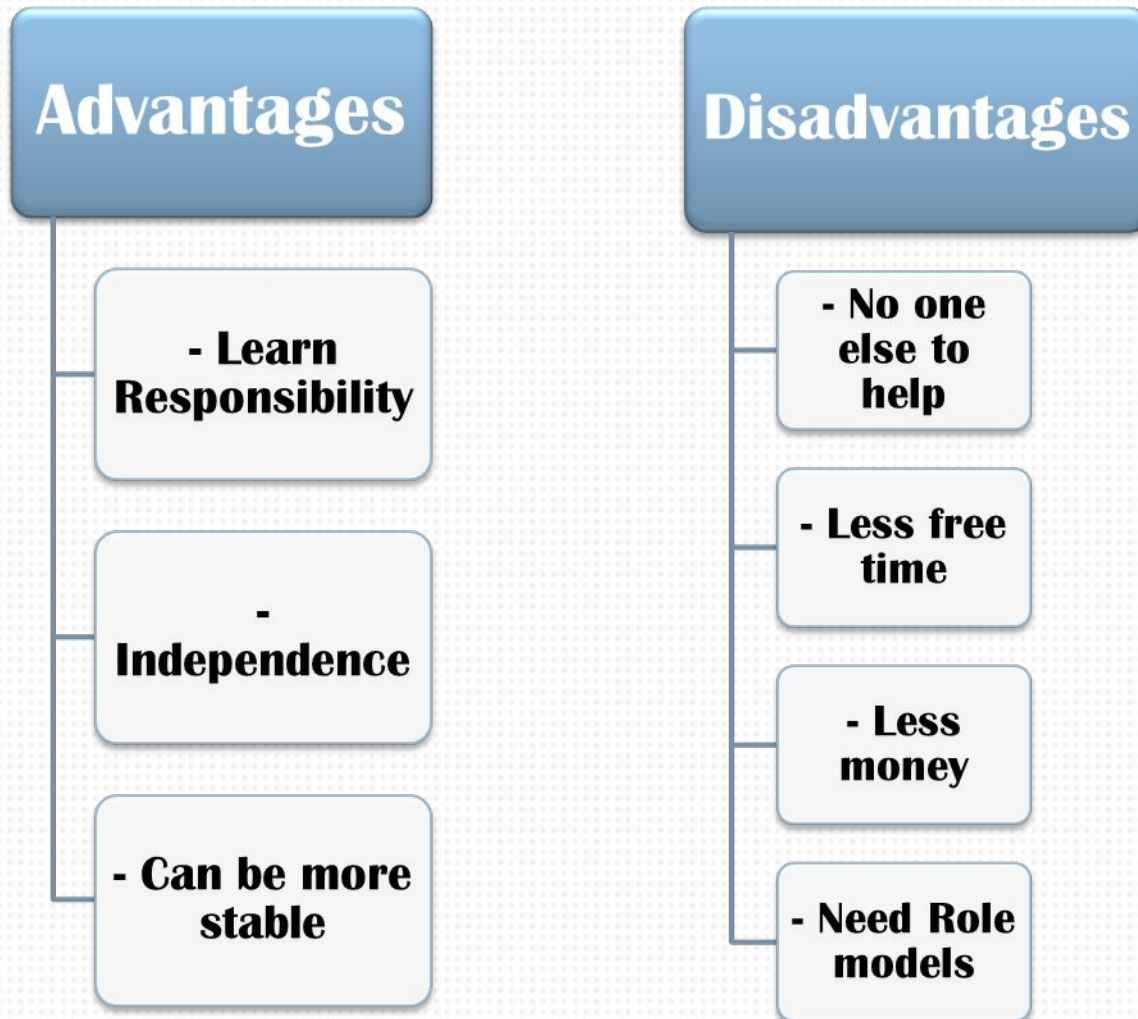
Nuclear Family

- **A mother, father & one or more children (biological or adopted)**
- **Advantages**
 - **Two people share parenting responsibilities**
 - **Financial responsibilities shared**
 - **Examples of male & female role models**
- **Disadvantages**
 - **Only one parent home a large part of time**

Single Parent Family

- Only one parent & one or more children
- 25% of all families in the US
- 84% are female headed
- 1/2 of all children will live in a single parent home before age 18
- The number of single-parent homes has more than doubled in the past 20 years
- Divorced women's standard of living drops 73%, while divorced men jumps 42%.
- About 50% of the children in divorced families report having not seen their father in the last year and only 1 of 6 see him once a week

Single Parent Family



Blended Family

- 2 parents, one or both of whom have children from a previous relationship. Step-parents & siblings, half-siblings
- Disadvantages
 - Need more patience
 - Adjustment to new roles
- Advantages
 - Adults share responsibilities

Extended Family

- **All the immediate relatives of a family- grandparents, aunts, cousins, etc.**
- **Disadvantages**
 - Less room
 - Less privacy
 - Difficulty getting along
- **Advantages**
 - more to help with responsibilities
 - more support
 - more money

Cooperative Family

- **Non-related people who get together to rear their children in one household**
- **Disadvantages**
 - Adjustment
- **Advantages**
 - Support
 - Share Responsibilities

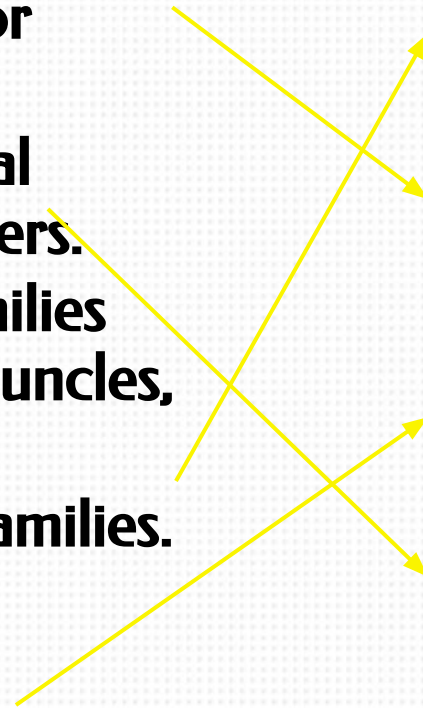
Millions of Kids

Family Type

- Children living in blended families, including either a step-parent or step-sibling.
- Children living with both natural parents and full brothers or sisters.
- Children living in extended families including other people such as uncles, cousins, aunts or grandparents.
- Children living in one-parent families.

Number of Children

- 8 million
- 10 million
- 15 million
- 33 million



Other American Family Types

- **Living Alone**
 - 1 of 24 adults remain single throughout their life.
 - 66% of single people are women.
- **Grown Children Moving In With Their Parents**
 - Families with two children and young parents living at home with their parents has doubled in 25 years

Relationship

- What?
- ✓ An interaction between two or more people
- Who?
- ✓ Parents, siblings, spouse, grandparents
- They are constantly changing
- ✓ An individual is going through various stages of his life cycle while the family is going through it's cycle

Functions of the Family

- **Emotional Support**
- **Economic Support**
- **Recreation**
- **Child Care and Guidance**
- **Kinship**
- **Housekeeping**

A Healthy Family

- **Spends time together**
- **Shows trust**
- **Shows respect**
- **Expresses Understanding and Love**
- **Establishes traditions**