# Types of Families

## **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
- ½ 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

Advantages

- Learn Responsibility

Independence

- Can be more stable

**Disadvantages** 

No one else to help

- Less free time

> - Less money

- Need Role models

## **Blended Family**

 2 parents, ore 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