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Section 1.1 The Need for Strong Families

Main Idea

The family serves many functions for its members. Families and society affect each other in many ways. Society is strong when the families in it are strong.



Content Vocabulary

- family
- function
- dysfunctional
- society
- community

Academic Vocabulary

- gain
- array

Functions of the Family (give an example of each)

The functions that the family provides are also the responsibilities of family life.

- Love and affection
- Security
- Protection
- Education
- Teaching values

- Economic support
- Procreation
- Guidance
- Socialization
- Recreation

Functions of the Family

A **family** adds value and structure to individual lives and to society.



family

A group of two or more people who live together. These people are related by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Functions of the Family

Each person in a family has a special function to the other family members.



function

A purpose, action, or role.

Functions of the Family

Members of **dysfunctional** families may have to work harder than others do to meet certain needs.

They still may be able to carry out some of their functions.



dysfunctional

Unable to carry out functions.

Home Work

- Survey
 - 5 People (not in this class)(include at least one adult)
 - What is one way that your family makes (or has made) a positive difference in your life?
 - Record your responses on a single sheet of paper
 - Due Monday, August 17

The Family: The Basic Unit of Society

The basic unit of **society** is the family.



society

A group of people who have developed patterns of relationships from being around one another.

The Family: The Basic Unit of Society

Families affect every level of society, but they have the greatest impact on the **community** closest to them.

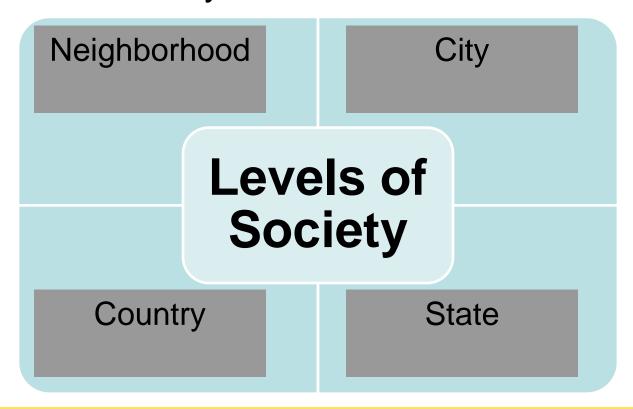


community

The common area where different people live. Each community or society is made up of many families.

The Family: The Basic Unit of Society

When people, families, and society work together and support each other, each is stronger. Society can be seen at many levels:



Society and Families

Families are vital to the health of society.

Parts of society affect families. You and your family are linked to your community.

Family Law

Laws that affect families influence family spending, affect education, and protect older family members and children. There are laws for:

- Taxes
- Interest rates
- Unemployed people

- Schools
- Marriage
- Divorce

The Business World

Businesses and families affect each other.

When work affects workers, it can also have an impact on others in the family.

The Business World

When employers create helpful family policies, both sides gain.

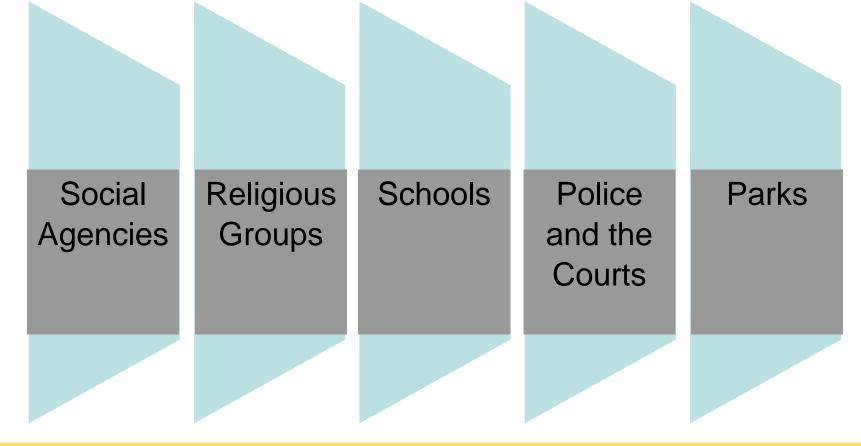


gain

To acquire an increase or addition.

Community Involvement

The community offers many groups to help families.



Community Involvement

Families can find a wide **array** of groups and services in the community to help them with their issues.



array

A large group, number, or quantity of people or things.

Brainstorm

- Community services
- Volunteer Organizations

The Family's Responsibility

Just as society works to help families, families have a responsibility to take an active role. Society can not do it all. Families must:

Take Responsibility

Find their strengths

Taking Responsibility

By taking on more responsibility, families can take the pressure off society.

When families help the community, they help themselves.

Family Strengths

They support each other.

They communicate with each other.

Family Strengths

They teach each other in the family and in the community.

Strong Families Are Healthy Families

Strong families can deal with problems.

They look for ways to cope and find answers to issues that come up.

After You Read Review Key Concepts

Name at least four functions of a family.

Answers can be any four of the following: love and affection, security, protection, education, teaching values, economic support, procreation, guidance, socialization, and recreation.

After You Read Review Key Concepts

List at least two ways that society is directly linked to families.

Answers may include: through government and laws, through the policies of employers, through community agencies that support families.

After You Read Review Key Concepts

Explain why families have to take responsibility for building their strengths.

Answers may include: society cannot do everything; strength is built by the way family members communicate, take responsibility, and care for each other.

Section 1.2 Why Study Families?

Main Idea

Interpersonal skills help people build strong families. You can use what you learn about families in your life now and in the future.



Content Vocabulary

- interpersonal
- communication
- management
- conflict resolution

Academic Vocabulary

- confront
- vital

Interpersonal Skills

The family serves many functions for its members. Families and society affect each other in numerous ways.

Society is strong when the families in it are strong.

Interpersonal Skills

When families learn to use interpersonal skills, they can begin to get along better.



interpersonal skills

Occurring between people.

Interpersonal Skills

Learning communication skills will help families become stronger.



communication

The process of sending and receiving messages.

Interpersonal Skills

Families must have strong problem-solving and decision-making skills.

Interpersonal Skills

Families with good management skills will be able to handle finances and household chores more easily.



management

Using what you have to get what you want.

Interpersonal Skills

Good conflict resolution helps families live together peacefully.



conflict resolution

A way to solve disagreements.

Illustrate Interpersonal Skills

- Pick at least one interpersonal skill
- Draw a cartoon illustrating the skill
 - Should depict two or more family members
 - Should include dialogue
 - Should depict families successfully applying one of the skills

Strengthen Your Family Now

Because very few families are problem-free, they need to know:

- The family comes first.
- Every family member contributes to the family.
- Change is possible.
- Problems can be solved.
- How to solve problems.
- Where to get help.

Strengthen Your Family Now

Families have many challenges to confront in today's world.



confront

To come face to face with.

Look to the Future

If you plan a family in the future, you will find the knowledge and skills you learn now will help you make the kind of family life you want.

Learn About Yourself

As you learn new interpersonal skills, you will find out what kind of person you are and how to become the person you would like to be.

The more you learn about relationships in the family, the more likely you will be able to make them work.

Learn About Yourself

Learning about the link between families and its members is **vital** knowledge for you now and in the future.



vital

Of critical importance.

Working with Families

As you study the family, you may find an interest in a career involved in working with other families.

There are a variety of careers available if you have a desire to follow this path.

After You Read Review Key Concepts

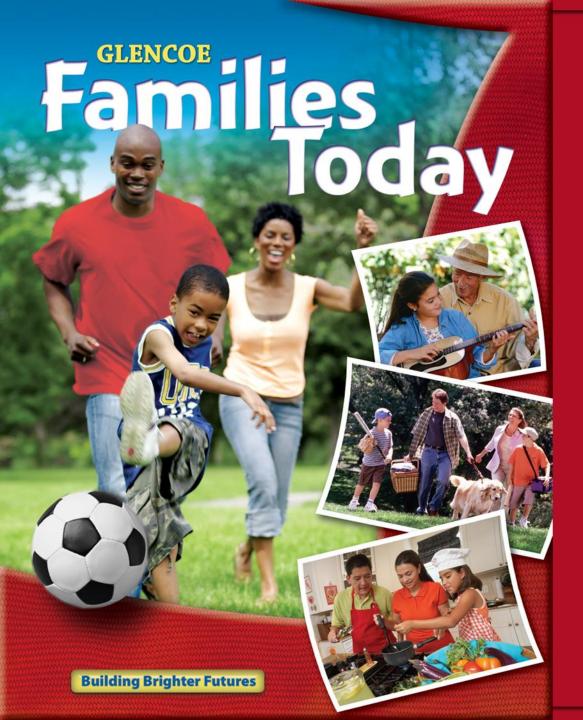
Identify four interpersonal skills needed for strong families.

Communication, problem-solving or decision-making, management, and conflict resolution skills

After You Read Review Key Concepts

List two ways you can use what you learn in this class in your future.

Answers will vary but may include: you can use it within your own family, through a career choice, or by volunteering.



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