

Dear Friends,

The well-being of every family member is dependent upon the husband-wife relationship. Couples with an intact marriage tend to have better rapport with their children, are more likely to be healthy, and are more likely to raise ambitious children. Likewise, a non-intact couple is more likely to create fractures within the entire family network.

## **FEATURED ON MARRIPEDIA**

### **Effects of Divorce on Family Relationships**

Immediately after a divorce, most parents have two sets of problems: their adjustment to their own intrapsychic conflicts and to their role as a divorced parent. The stress of divorce tends to weaken and even damage the parent-child relationship. [Continue to read this entry on Marripedia.](#)

## **RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Relationships with Adult Children and Spouses**

Increased marital satisfaction is associated with better parent-child relationship quality for fathers but not for mothers, [according](#) to Jeong Eun Lee of Pennsylvania State University and colleagues. [This Marripedia entry](#) reviews the evidence that increased marital stability between parents promotes increased future marital stability between their child and his/ her spouse.



### **Marital Status and Cancer Survival**

The better chance of survival for married as compared to unmarried cancer patients is only minimally due to socioeconomic factors. Check out the [study](#) by Dr. Scarlett Lin Gomez of the Cancer Prevention Institute of California and colleagues, and visit [this Marripedia entry](#) for more research.



### **Impact of Divorce on Children's Education**

Children of divorced parents fair fare worse in school because they frequently lose their ambition, according to researchers at the University of Oslo. Read Bryce Christensen and Nicole King's [analysis](#) in *The Family in America*, and check out the "[Effects of Divorce on Children's Education](#)" on Marripedia.

Sincerely,

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