

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.

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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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