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#### Dear Friends:

## **NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**



**Parents' Divorce Can Harm Children's Health** Children of separated parents are more likely to experience genitourinary, gastrointestinal, dermatological and neurological issues, <u>report</u> researchers at the universities of Santiago de Compostela and Vigo in Spain.



Mother's Partner Status Affects Childhood Morbidity Children in low-income countries whose mothers have experienced union instability have a higher morbidity risk than children whose mothers have experienced union stability, <u>according</u> to Laurie F. DeRose of the University of Maryland and colleagues.



# Parental Modeling Affects Children's Future Relationships

Mexican-origin youth whose parents have higher marital satisfaction/ less conflict and who have a warmer relationship with their parents model their own romantic relationships after their parents'. Modeling is associated with a higher age of first intercourse and a lower likelihood of cohabitation, <u>report</u> researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University.

### **MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS**

- 1) "Effects of Divorce on Children's Health"
- 2) "Effects of Divorce on Children's Future Relationships"
- 3) "Effects of Divorce on Children's Sexual Activity"

With an eye to the child, the future of America,

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