

Resources identifying the importance of family to a child's development and well-being:

- Separation may lead to mental health disorders – [Parenting Matters: Supporting Parents of Children Ages 0-8 \(2016\) by The National Academies: Sciences, Engineering, & Medicines](#)
- Family disruption can hinder healthy development and increase risk of future disorders – [Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People: Progress and Possibilities \(2009\) by The National Academies: Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine](#)