

Studies conducted to assess child outcomes when removed from primary caregivers:

- [Mental and Physical Health of Children in Foster Care by the American Academy of Pediatrics \(2016\)](#)
- The importance of visitation and contact with family:
  - [Information Packet Parent-Child Visiting, National Resources Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning at the Hunter College School of Social Work \(2008\)](#)
- The younger the child and the longer the period of uncertainty and separation from the primary caregiver, the greater the risk of emotional and developmental harm to the child.
  - [Developmental Issues for Young Children in Foster Care by the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption and Dependent Care \(2000\)](#)
  - [Visitation with Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care: What Judges and Attorneys Need to Know by the American Bar Association \(2007\)](#)
  - [Mental Health Assessments for Infants and Toddlers by the American Bar Association in Child Law Practice \(Vol. 24 No.9\) 129-139 \(2005\)](#)
- [Improving Family Foster Care: Findings from the Northwest Foster Care Alumni Study \(2005\) by Casey Family Programs](#)
- 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](#)