

The Family Life Cycle

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Child Development

Beginning

- Two people marry
 - Establish a home
 - Adjust to living together
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- How would the parents of these people parent in this stage of their lives? What role would they have?

Expanding

- The couple have one or more children
- Adjust to the roles and responsibilities of being a parent.
- What are the jobs or role of the parents of this couple at this stage?

Developing

- The couples who are now parents focus on raising their children from infancy through the teenage years.
- They adjust to the changing needs of the children.
- What are or could be the jobs or role of the couples' parents in this stage?

Launching

- The couple (now parents) help their children move out on their own.
- College send off happens.
- What are or could be the jobs or role of the couples' parents in this stage?

The Middle Years

- The couple as parents adjusts to empty nest.
 - They develop new interests.
 - Continuing planning for retirement.
 - Become grandparents.
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- What are or could be the jobs or role of the couples'

Retirement Years

- The couple retires.
 - Enjoy more leisure time.
 - Adjust to aging.
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- What are their role or jobs in this stage?