



FACT BRIEFING

ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES

A family is a group of people who share a common bond of love and concern for each other. They have a shared worldview and set of beliefs and values.

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Nuclear

Typically two parents and their related children living together

Extended

Extended relationships that go across generations and include all related groupings

Matriarchal

The identity of the nuclear family often comes from the heritage of the mother

Patriarchal

The identity of the nuclear family often comes from the heritage of the father

Single-Parent

One parent or caregiver and at least one child living together without support from another parent or caregiver

Communal

Involves complex social systems of care with the child at the center of a large, collaborative community

REMEMBER:

To ensure all families are represented and supported:



Identify who the families in your community are.



Explore their strengths and barriers.



Understand how each family member influences the others.

