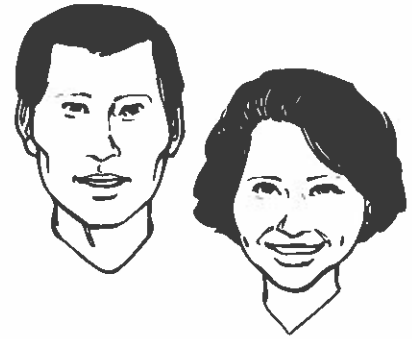


Dealing with Family Needs

BUILDING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Positive family relationships provide security and encourage personal growth and development. Building positive family relationships requires constant attention, especially when dealing with extended family members. Read the stories below and answer the questions.



Marie is planning to marry Ricardo. They are both 25 years old and have good jobs. Marie's grandmother sent her a letter. The letter said that Ricardo seems irresponsible and Marie should find someone else to marry. Marie loves Ricardo but has always been close to her grandmother. What should Marie do?

Henry is raising three children on his own. His life is not easy. Joan, Henry's niece, has offered to move in. She could keep house and take care of the children. This would be very helpful. However, Joan smokes and is often rude. What should Henry do?

Allison works two jobs to pay her bills, and this leaves her little free time. Her grandfather lives in a different town 100 miles away. He wants Allison to visit him every weekend. What should Allison do?

Derek is popular at school. His cousin, Paul, is in the same grade and doesn't have many friends. Derek's mother wants him to eat lunch with Paul every day. Derek thinks it will be bad for his image to be seen with his cousin. What should Derek do?