

9. Family, Home, and Society Throughout the Life Span



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9.1 Family Structures



Who heads the family?

- **Married heterosexual couple**
- **Single parent**
- **Parent + stepparent**

Who heads the family?

- **Multigenerational adults**
- **Unwed partners**
- **Same-sex couple**
- **Any of above with adoptees**

9.2 Family Relations



Interrelationships

- **Couple relationship**
- **Define quality/
atmosphere of family
life**
- **Marital satisfaction
lowest when children
very young**

Interrelationships

- **Sibling relationships**
- **Attachment, rivalry, etc.**
- **Influenced by culture**

9.3 Parenting Styles



Ways to parent

- **Authoritarian**: top-down rules and decisions; goal = compliance
- **Permissive**: friendly, allowing, forgiving; goal = harmony, creativity

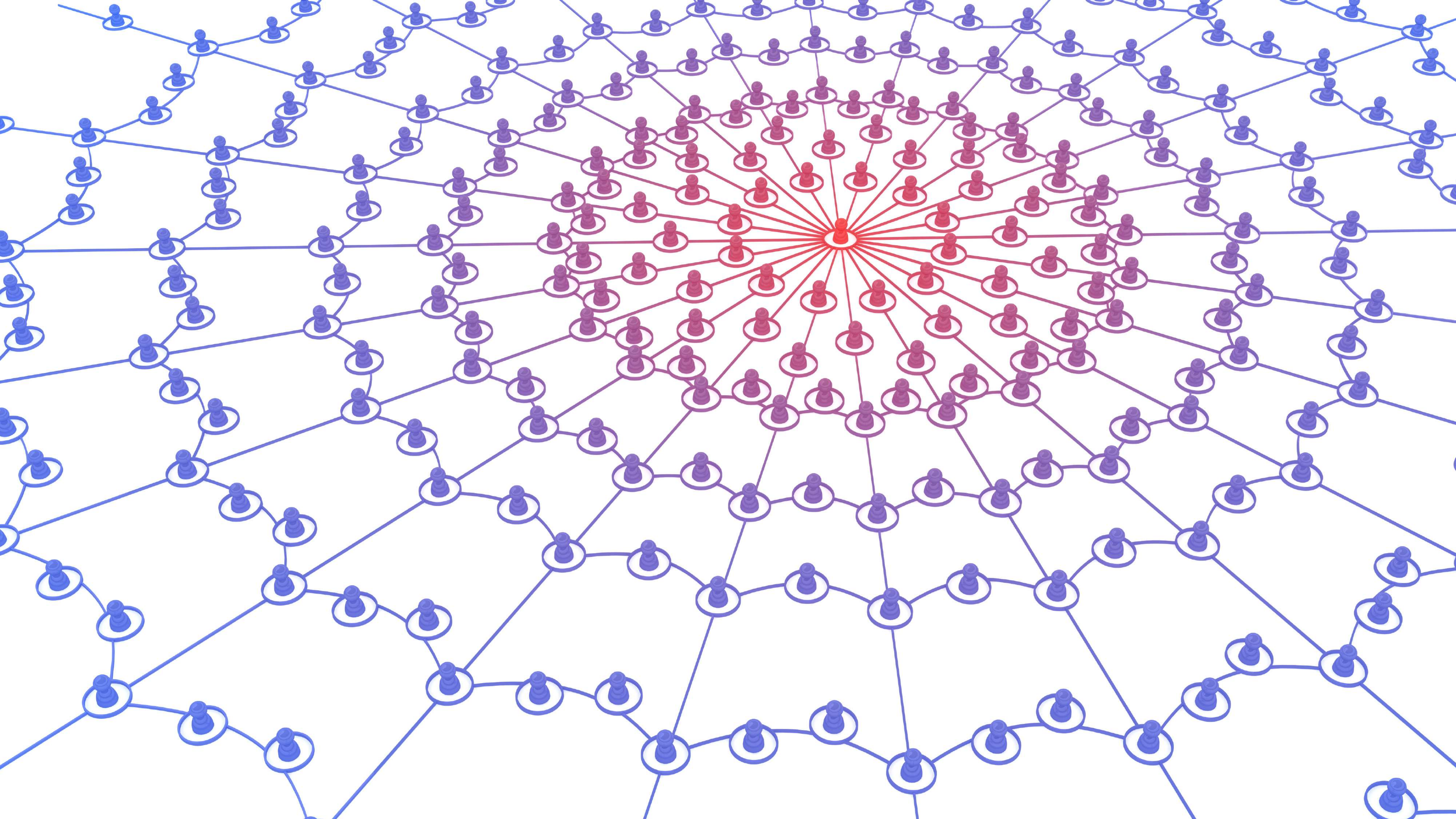
Ways to parent

- Authoritative =
discussion, explaining,
consequences; goal =
self-management

Consequences

- **Authoritarian → withdrawn/isolated or rebellious**
- **Permissive → social, academic, emotional adjustment problems**
- **Authoritative → success and popularity**

9.4 Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Perspective



Ecology of family

- **Widening circles of influence**
- **Relationships within family, extended family**
- **Neighborhood, culture, society**
- **Time, place, economics, politics**

9.5 Multicultural Perspectives

YOUR
CULTURE
IS YOUR
BRAND

Culture affects family

- **Determines dominant parenting style**
- **Defines gender roles**
- **Influences expectations, obligations toward siblings**

Culture affects family

- **Influences goals of child-rearing**
- **SES influences leisure time, disposable income, etc.**

Ethnic identity

- **Distinct from racial identity**
- **Related to self-concept and self-identity**
- **Begins in adolescence**
- **Related to cognitive gains, ability to think abstractly**

Ethnic identity

- **Think about relation to group**
 - **Think about group's relation to other groups**
 - **Solidifies in adulthood**
- Identification with ethnic group changes throughout life span**

9.6 Social and Class Influences





Influence of SES

- **Low SES stress on family:
economic, nutritional,
resources**
- **Early vocabulary affected
by low SES from differences
in verbal stimulation**
- **Malnutrition → stunted
growth and delayed
menarche**

Influence of SES

- **Low SES males especially at risk for social problems and school retention**
- **Downward spiral: low motivation, low achieving, behavior problems in/out of school**

9.7 Abuse and Neglect



Physical abuse

- **Force that can harm health, survival, development or dignity**
- **Hit, kick, shake, scratch, pinch, scald, burn forced positions or ingestion**

Physical abuse

→ Personality disorders, PTSD, depression, anxiety, aggression, substance abuse, and eating disorder

Sexual abuse

- **Pressure to engage in sexual activities, indecent exposure, display pornography, sexual/genital contact**

→ Guilt, PTSD, fears, sexual dysfunction, addictions, eating/ personality disorders

Psychological abuse

- **Isolate, terrorize, deny emotional response, humiliate to convey worthlessness**
- **Self-blame, abnormal attachment, internalization, learned helplessness**

Neglect

- **Lack of care, nourishment, supervision**
 - **Absenteeism, clothing lack, medical and dental needs, poor hygiene**
- Physical delays, poor social and relational skills, poor executive function**

9.8 Media and Technology



Technology: child

- **Screen time**
- **How much at each age?**
- **Instead of play/interaction**
- **Learning**
 - **Pro: “edutainment”**
 - **Con: Bandura’s clown aggression study**

Technology: adolescent

- **Connection**
- **Collaborative learning**
- **Social media to connect for friendship, activism**
- **Alienation**
- **Social media to bully**
- **Instead of social skills**

9.9 Death and Dying



End-of-life choices

- **Dying at home**
- **In hospital with medical care**
- **Advance care directive and DNR**
- **In hospice with palliative care**
- **Euthanasia?**

Grieving

- **Kubler-Ross stages**
 - **Denial**
 - **Anger**
 - **Bargaining**
 - **Depression**
 - **Acceptance**

Grieving

- **Criticism: some do not go through stages in order**