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Single vs Two-Parent Families: Affect on Child Development

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**Abstract**

Much research has been done on the development of children in single parents and two-parent families. Although research has proven right the negative effects of being raised in a single parent home, it is not true in all cases.

**Key Points**

Extensive research has been conducted on the topic of single parenthood, and according to the article "Single Parenthood, Achievement, and Problem Behavior in White, Black, and Hispanic Children" written by Henry N. Ricciuti, being raised by a single parent does affect a child in comparison to being raised by two parents.

Research on family structure has led some to believe that sex-based parenting differences exist.

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**Conclusions**

To conclude, research claims that being raised by a single parent does indeed affect the development of the children involved. After the interviews that were conducted to four different people, it is safe to say that research does not always apply to everyone because situations vary from family to family.