

FAMILY TYPES

- Independence-Oriented families – These families display an emphasis on independence and have high levels of cohesion and low levels of conflict. They are well organized but they are not totally governed by rules. They display high levels of social interaction. Parents/caretakers display little psychopathology.
- Intellectual/Cultural-Oriented Families – These families emphasize intellectual and cultural factors and display high levels of cohesion and expressiveness.. Parents/caretakers have achieved high levels of education themselves and display little difficulty to adjustment.
- Support-Oriented Families – These families emphasize cohesion and expressiveness. They strongly encourage interpersonal relationships. They display few adjustment difficulties and they report very few stressful events.
- Achievement-Oriented Families – These families emphasize achievement within a context of high organization and control. They demonstrate less concern with independence, intellectual activities, and reaction. Stressful events occur frequently. Fathers in these families often display high levels of depression and physical complaints.
- Structured Moral/Religious Families – These families display strong moral and religious orientation which achieve high levels of cohesion and low levels of conflict. High levels of social activity are reported but, children display higher than average levels of emotional and physical difficulties.
- Unstructured Moral/Religious Families – These families display an emphasis on moral and religious orientation but, they are disorganized. Parents/caretakers functioning are reported as average. Children display higher levels of emotional and physical difficulties.
- Conflict-Oriented Families – These families display high levels of control and conflict. They tend to be lower socioeconomic families and have lower levels of social interaction with others in the community. Wives and children in these families frequently display emotion and physical difficulties.
- Disorganized Families – These families display low levels of organization and report lower levels of personal and relationship growth. Partners in these families seem to be younger and less well educated than other families and they have more children living at home. Husband and wives report fewer friends, low levels of social interaction and higher levels of depression.