

◊FAMILY FUNCTIONS◊

The influences and importance of the family for children cannot be overestimated:

- × The family is the child's first source of information and the primary model for how children experience relationships.**
- × The family helps a child to begin to communicate and to learn personal and cultural values and beliefs.**
- × The family teaches the child how to survive in a complex world.**
- × The family provides a child with a sense of belonging and a foundation for self-esteem.**