



# Family Studies 12

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# GROUND RULES FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

creating a safe space for sharing (sharing is caring)

**Q:Discussion: \*How will we respond, act or intervene if hurtful or offensive comments are made?**

**\*minority viewpoints and vulnerable or marginalized viewpoints need to be honoured and protected from attitudes and actions of the majority (ie: all boys, 1 girl; all Catholic 1 Muslim, all seniors one teen, all wealthy, some poor, all Caucasian, 1 first nation.....)**

**Q: \*What prevents us from intervening at times? Can you think of situations where you knew you should but didn't? What got in the way?**

- peer pressure**
- Fear**
- Intimidation**
- job security**
- Bullying**
- wanting to fit in**
- not wanting to be labeled yourself  
(ie: homophobic comments...)**

**Q: \*What is the difference between freedom of thought and freedom of expression? (chat)**

you can hold your own views concerning the topics in this course but your freedom of expression is LIMITED by the rule that in voicing your opinions and in our actions, we must not harm or hurt others (ex: HATE LAWS/HATE CRIME: Your opinion does not entitle you by law to violate someone else's rights).

# What is Family Studies?

This course will aim to provide you with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will assist you in making informed decisions related to parenting, adolescence, adulthood, family and interpersonal relationships, and housing and living environments.



# Finally

cell phones

**Through your participation in this course,  
you will be encouraged and enabled to:**

- Develop an understanding of self in relation to others;
- Understand how to communicate better with others;
- Explain the characteristics of a committed relationship, how they form and change; and consider wellness and safety;
- Analyze the concepts of family in a changing world, living in a family and facing family challenges;
- Explore post-high school options, including schooling, housing, and financial management.

# Evolution of the Family

looking back

# 1950's

A social group characterized by common residence, economic cooperation, an reproduction. It includes adults of both sexes, at least two of whom maintain a socially approved sexual relationship, and one or more children, own or adopted, of the sexually cohabitation couple.

-Murdock (1949)



# 1970's



A married couple or group of adult kinsfolk who cooperate economically and in the upbringing of children, and all or most of whom share a common dwelling.

# 1980's

A social unit of interacting persons, who make commitments, assume responsibilities, nurture each other, become socialized, transmit cultural and religious values, and share resources over time.

- Family Studies Ministry Document (1987)



# 1990's



The smallest, organized, durable network of kin and non-kin who interact daily, providing domestic needs of children and assuring their survival.

-Stack (1996)

# 2000's

“We define family as any group of people related either biologically, emotionally, or legally. That is, the group of people that a person defines as significant for his or her well-being”

- McDaniel et al., (2005)



# 2000's

The legal vision of the family today is one of an important personal and social resource and advantage, whose existence should be fostered and protected. It is a unit of emotional and financial dependency, whether it includes single parents with children, gay or lesbian partners, or unmarried couples. Any legal exclusion for this socially and legally sanctioned state violates human dignity.

-Legal Definition of Family by Justice Marvin Zuker (2002)





**How do you define Family?**