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Family

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The family has 4 major functions - economic, sexual, reproductive and educational/socialization. These functions are linked to both the individual and the society as well. For example, educational/socialization functions for ensuring providing consensus therefore ensuring there is not merely and no chaos, and it functions for the individual by teaching them how to behave so he or she can be successful.

Talcott Parsons

The family has 2 basic functions, primary socialization and the stabilization of adult personality. During primary socialization, the child develops his personality, and a major part of his identity. The family acts as a stabilizer for the adult membrane by providing love, stress relief and sex. They are also given the chance to live their dreams through their children.