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Health and Well-Being Related to New Family Forms: Perspectives of Adult Individuals, Couples, Extended Family Members, Children, and Professionals

Message from the Guest Editors

Over the past four decades, within most Western societies, the traditional family comprised of a married heterosexual couple and their genetically related children has given way to an array of new family configurations. The ever-growing diversity of new family forms encompasses, among other things, intentionally child-free families, single-parent-by-choice families, families created by elective co-parenting arrangements, families headed by LGBTQ parents, families created through reproductive donation (e.g., sperm, egg, or embryo donation), and surrogacy families.

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