

Parents and families within the UNCRC

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- 'Rights' are things that every child should have or be able to do. 0-18 years old.
- There are 42 articles which talk about children's rights.





...the family, as the fundamental group of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members and particularly children, should be afforded the necessary protection and assistance so that it can fully assume its responsibilities within the community...

...Recognizing that the child, for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding. (Preamble of UNCRC)



The UNCRC explicitly recognises the central role played by parents and families in ensuring that children grow up healthy, happy and safe.





The UNCRC provides a family focus with the child at the heart

The word 'parent/s' and 'family' is mentioned over 50 times

Families need to be supported in order to support children.

Children's rights are first and foremost protected within **families** and **governments** should provide families with the support they need.

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Article 3(2)

requires state parties to undertake to:

... ensure the child such protection and care as is necessary for his or her well-being, taking into account the rights and duties of his or her **parents**.....





Article 5

requires state parties to:

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Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.

... respect the responsibilities, rights and duties of **parents**, to provide, in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child, appropriate direction and guidance in the exercise by the child of the rights recognised in the present Convention.



Role of Family

- The natural environment for the growth and well-being
- To ensure that children grow up healthy, happy and safe.
- To provide care, security and an upbringing that is respectful of a child's rights and individuality
- Defend and promote children's rights.



Thank you

