

# A STUDY ON **BROKEN FAMILIES**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Broken families, which occur due to separation, divorce, or other disruptions, have become vulnerable families in society. The study explores the complex issues and outcomes linked to broken families to understand their impact on children. It focuses on three years of data analysis and creates awareness of trends in broken families. By looking into this issue, we aim to add to the current knowledge and provide insights into how the broken family affects communities, especially children.



## 2. EXPLANATION OF BROKEN FAMILIES

A "**broken family**" typically refers to a family unit in which the traditional structure has been disrupted or fragmented due to factors such as divorce, separation, death, or other circumstances that lead to the absence or diminished presence of one or both parents. This impacts the well-being and development of the individuals involved, especially children. It comes with a range of challenges, including financial instability, emotional turmoil, and difficulties in maintaining healthy relationships.

## 3. A FEW TYPES OF BROKEN FAMILIES

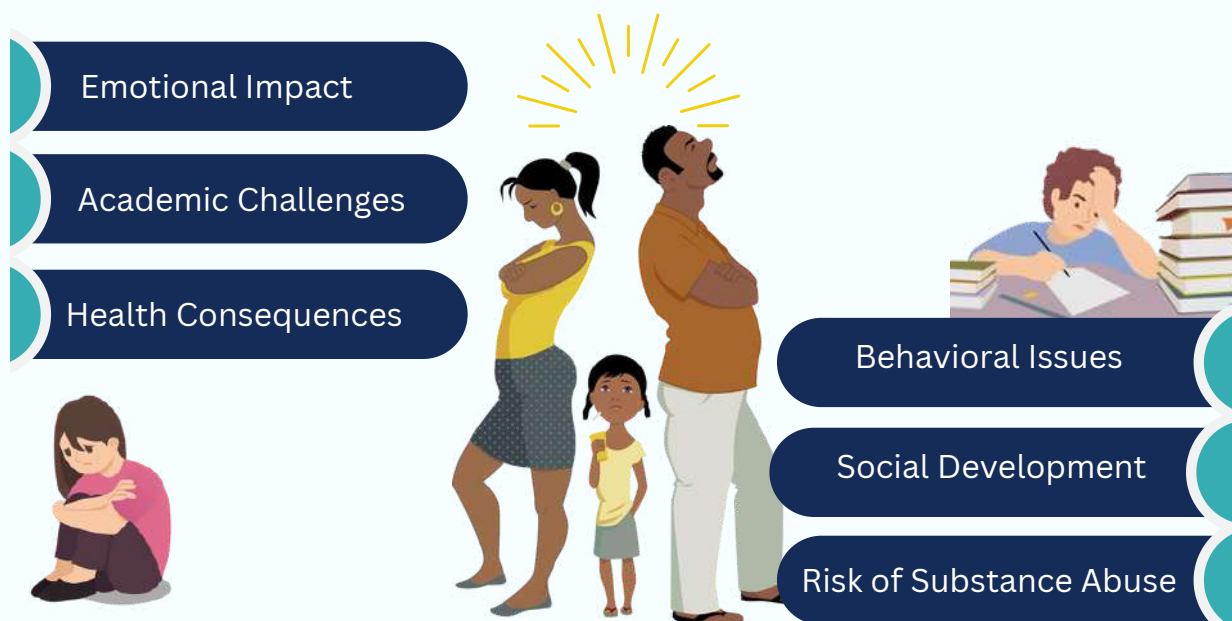
- Divorced Families
- Single-Parent Families
- Extended Families with Absentee Parents
- Families Affected by Addiction
- Families Coping with Domestic Violence and Mental Health Issues
- Families Affected by Immigration or Refugee ..etc.

## 4. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO BROKEN FAMILIES

There are numerous factors that can contribute to the breakdown of families:



## 5. EFFECTS OF BROKEN FAMILY ON CHILDREN



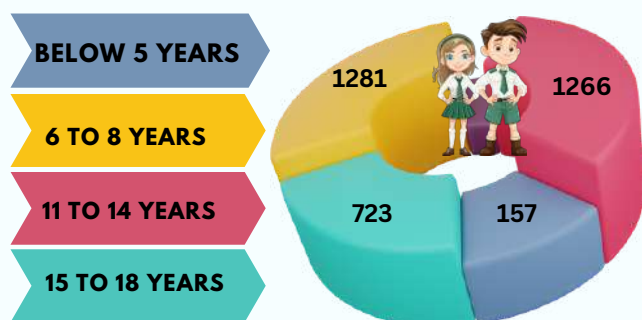
## 6. DATA

The data for this study was collected using the web tool Child MISS, Homelink Network. The data covers the period from 2021 to 2024, which has a total of 4426 children, recorded by the YaR Centres of Hyderabad Provinces.

## ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

### GENDER WISE ANALYSIS

Out of 3,427 children, 2,130 were boys and 1,297 were girls. The data pertains to children residing in the YaR Centres of Hyderabad Provinces. It reveals that the YaR centres are reaching a lower proportion of girls compared to boys.



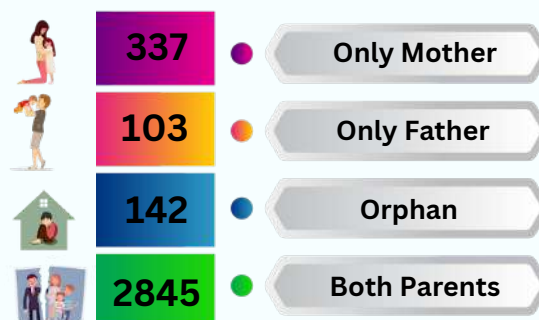
### AGE WISE ANALYSIS

From the above table, we can observe that children between the ages of 6 and 14 are particularly sensitive to family dysfunction. As a result, they often end up turning to external influences or out of their families and

eventually find their way to organizations like ours. This age wise data has both boys and girls included.

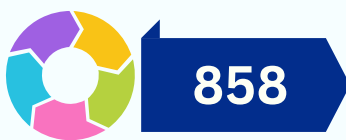
### PARENTAL STATUS

The data reveals a large number of cases where children live with both parents, enabling us to make confident observations about this category based on our close work with children. This figure also encompasses situations involving divorced parents, parents who have left home, and remarried

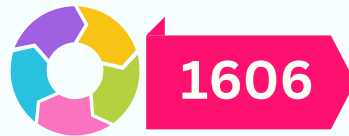


parents, this indicates that children have both parents and are alive but are not living together.

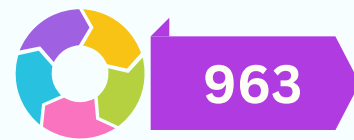
## YEAR WISE ANALYSIS



Apr-2021-Mar-2022



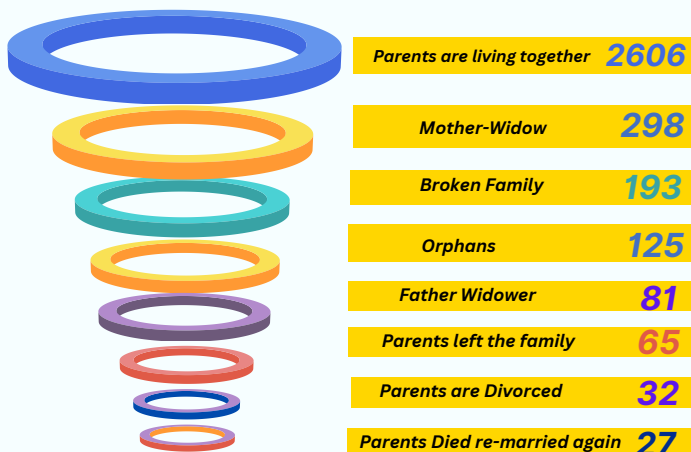
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Apr-2023-Mar-2024

There was a significant increase in the number of children affected from the Second year (2022-2023) to the first year (2021-2022), with the number more than doubling. However, in the third year (2023-2024), the number of affected children decreased compared to the second year but was still higher than in the first year. This suggests that potential influences and interventions are taking place to address the needs of these children.

## PARENTAL MARITAL STATUS



Our analysis shows of significant number of parents living together. However, this does not necessarily indicate a positive home environment. Children reach our organizations on various issues such as running away, begging, addiction, abuse, and lack of

interest in studies are among the many reasons. Even the orphans in the above table also could be a result of family dysfunctionality in most cases.

The current analysis focuses on broken families, but we did address this issue with known background factors. Our experience working with children and understanding their psychology guided our documentation process. Therefore, we tailored our approach to address broken family issues keeping our known facts in our mind. It's important to consider that family dysfunction can occur in many different family structures. While the future impact of this is uncertain, understanding the factors that contribute to family dysfunction is crucial.

## 7. LIMITATIONS

One of the possible limitations of this study is that it depends on the reporting and data entries in the tool Child MISS, which can be biased or missing information. Also, because the study is only on data analysis, it may not be able to show cause-and-effect relationships between the factors. Most of the analysis went with the ground knowledge of working with the children of our institution.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO OVERCOME OR RESOLVE BROKEN FAMILIES ISSUES

- Early Intervention Programs
- Accessible Counseling Services
- Education and Skill Building Programs
- Financial Support
- Community Support Networks
- Legal Aid Services
- Child Welfare Services
- Promotion of Healthy Relationships
- Support for Single Parents
- Promote Joint Family System
- Community Engagement and Awareness

### RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTION

The findings of this study, recommendations will be provided for policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders involved in supporting individuals and families affected by broken family dynamics.

## 9. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study contributes to understanding the complex interplay between broken families and individuals' well-being. By elucidating the psychosocial effects of familial disruption and identifying factors that promote resilience. This study offers valuable insights for exploring the challenges faced by individuals in broken family settings. Ultimately, findings underscore the importance of holistic support systems and interventions to empower individuals and families navigating through periods of familial disturbances.



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