

Stepfather and His Stepson. Sociological Case Study of the Stepfamily

Abstract

In a stepfamily an array of factors disrupt children development, particularly in social, emotional, moral and volitional areas. Abandoning a family by one of the parents as a result of divorce, then remarriage of the parent who gets custody of a child cause nuisance and yield aggravating situations. Although they are difficult to deal with, a child has to face and overcome them. Children development and social functioning is conditioned by childhood experiences-all negative incidents might affect their further life.

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Introduction

According to the data gathered by Z. Dąbrowska (2003, p. 7) remarriage is contracted by 35% of childless people; 31% of people having their own child (or children); 26% of people having children from prior marriages and 8% of people who have children both from previous and temporary marriage.

The numbers shown in the above paragraph confirm structural differences of reconstructed marriages and families (stepfamilies), moreover these statistics indicate how complicated and unusual the relationships are in such families. Quoting Z. Dąbrowska (2003, p. 7), this type of family comes across various psychological, legal, educational and even financial standing problems-problems which are distinctive for reconstructed families not natural ones. Confirmation of this can be found in M. Przetacznik-Gierowska's paper (1993, b). In reconstructed families,