

## Subject

Health  
Language Arts

## Concept

Identification

## Grade Level

6-8

## National Career Guidelines

### Competency

III

Knowledge of  
the importance  
of growth and  
change

## Type of Activity

Individual with  
whole class  
discussion

## Related Occupations

Family  
Counselor  
Adoption  
Worker  
Social Worker

## The Roles of The Family

What is a family? What roles do families fill? Why are families important? This activity will help students answer those questions and determine the family's importance in our lives.

### Material/Supplies

Paper, pen/pencil

### Activity

- Define family. Be sure to include nuclear families, extended families, single parent families, etc.
- Identify functions of the family. Have the students make a detailed list covering the following general categories.
  - ◆ Physical needs - food, clothing, shelter.
  - ◆ Emotional needs - love, belonging, etc.
  - ◆ Social needs - sharing, getting along with others, etc.
- Discuss how important the family unit is in fulfilling the needs we all tend to "expect" and "take for granted."
- Have the students suggest ways we can all contribute to the family functions and ways we can express our appreciation of our families.
- Ask the students to relate how work can also play a part in meeting the above list of needs.

### Evaluation

Students will be evaluated on their lists of functions and class participation.

Lessons located in Career Development Activities,  
Middle School/Junior High Level, CS1101