

The Functions of the Family

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As you consider the functions of the family as outlined by The Vanier Institute of Canada, complete the following organizer. In the second column, explain the function identified. In the third column, provide an example of the function. In the last column, identify how other institutions in Canada, such as government, religion, business, law, and education, support the family to fulfill the function.

Function of the Family	Explanation	Example	Institutions
Physical maintenance and care of group members			
Addition of new members through procreation or adoption			
Socialization of children			
Social control of members			
Production, consumption, and distribution of goods and services			
Affective nurturance-love			