

Factors Associated with Perceptions of Family Belonging among Adolescents

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Abstract: Adolescents' perceptions of family belonging are associated with a number of well-being indicators, yet we know little about what factors influence these perceptions or how they differ by family structure. The current study uses nationally representative data from Add Health to examine predictors of adolescents' perceptions of family belonging in two-biological-parent families ($n = 9686$). The results are compared to a recent study using Add Health that examined family belonging in married mother-stepfather families. Findings suggest both similarities and differences across family structure in the factors associated with family belonging.