

We all think peer pressure is only cause in school and your family member are suppose to help you move past it. What happens when your family member are the ones causing the peer pressure in your life. You don't hear many stories about peer pressure in the family. It has more effects on males than females. Family members think they are pushing you to do your best but sometimes their support and them wanna for you to do your best is to overwhelm and it cause pressure.

A play performed by Laguardia College students called "Intersections" shows different aspects of how family members can play a part in putting pressure in our life's. The way the play was put together was to show the different way our family play important parts in our lives. For example Alex comes from a hispanic households and because of that he was pressure to make a college career of something he didn't want. A lot of time when hispanic parents do that, they do without realizing that they're putting pressure on their children because themselves did not have a career. In the play Alex has try talking to sister about a career change but it took a wrong turn when he brought up to sister Louisa. When he tries to explain to her his reasons on college and he even told her "because he cares about YOU... it's just a lot of pressure on me" (Intersections,4). Even tell her didn't work because in their minds he has to finish college. With all that pressure comes side effect on the academic level and many parents don't what are the side effects.

When it comes to parental pressure parents don't know that they are causing stress and anxiety on the their children. In the article "The Effects of Academic Parental Pressure on kids" by Jaime Budzienski gives us the example on what happens when parents put a lot of pressure on

their children. Children can start to experience “poor self-image” due to the fact that they feel like they can reach the goals their parents want for them.() This can even end up for children to have “depression” in the long-term. When Louisa told Alex “sometimes it’s not about YOU. It’s about US. The family. Everyone has sacrificed for YOU...” (Intersections,5) When people get told that it does help make them feel any better about themselves or make them think they can accomplish what they want. When the person has a sibling that is doing something for themselves that adds more pressure to their life to come like them or at least be like them.

Did you know a child who comes from a single parents or single guardian households have more pressure in their life. In the article “Family Process Effects on Adolescent Males Susceptibility to Antisocial Peer Pressure” by Mary Elizabeth Curtner-smith and Carol E.Mackinnon-Lewis gives us an understanding how our parents affect how we socially with the people around us. Their many different types of parental in reading for example Authoritarian parents is when “typically make decisions regarding their children's needs based of the adults rather than on the needs of the child”. () Parents who do that usually the child will put the needs of the parents before their own needs. Even though in Janele case wasn’t like that in the play, she still put the need of her grandma before hers. Her professor even talked to her about keeping her grade up so she can keep her job at the school. Professor Gingrich:“When you come back next semester you can graduate and you can do it for your mom and grandma”. (Intersections,21) Janele starting putting needs of her family before her school work and her life.

Alex and Janele case similar because both of them are struggle with school but also different because it’s not the same struggle. Janele is go through a mental health struggle because of her grandma health. Alex mental health struggle not being able to live up to how his dad

wants him to become. Alex parents were putting their needs before Alex needs and that cause Alex to lose a part of him because he wasn't become the person he wanted to be. These two character show the family struggles and they do to keep their family happy. Without the help of their family mentally they are not stable in life. The question parents have to ask themselves do I want my child to feel empowered or disempowered in life? When making decision for them.