

Role of Women in the Management of Residential Environment

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ABSTRACT The health status of an individual is evidently the consequence of the interplay and integration of two major ecological considerations – the internal environment and the external environment. The “residential environment” is very crucial universe for the development of responsible psycho-social behavior. Women may play a vital role in the promotion of environmentally responsible behavior in the residential setting. The present paper discusses various dimensions of psycho-social behavior viz. social support and family support, family violence and childrearing practices; and physical aspects – housing and health, over-crowding, solid wastes disposal and noise. These are seen as fundamental toward managing the health of the individual and the family. Some suggestions have been offered to women in respect of managing and/or promoting healthy residential environment.