

Family Support for the Elderly in Delta State of Nigeria

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ABSTRACT Family support for the elderly has become a very important issue in examining the overall well-being of the elderly. It is against this background that the present study examined family support for the elderly in Delta State of Nigeria. The major emphasis in the present study include the sources of support received, the forms of support received, frequency of support received, how adequate are supports received by the elderly, the relationship between the number of wives and children, social distance and the support received by the elderly. Findings from the analysis of data generated in the study revealed that the family still accounts for a large proportion of the support received by the elderly. The study also indicates that support received by the elderly are not regular and adequate. The study also established relationships between the number of wives, children and social distance and support received by the elderly in Nigeria.