Single-parent families are families with children under age 18 headed by a parent who is widowed or divorced and not remarried, or by a parent who has never married. Description. One out of every two children in the United States will live in a single-parent family at some time before they reach age 18. According to the United States Census Bureau, in 2002 about 20 million children lived in a household with only their mother or their father. This is more than one-fourth of all children in the United States. Since 1950, the number of one-parent families has increased substantially. In 1970, about Talking about widowhood, the families where children lose their one parent, it could be mother or father, they know that their one member of the family has been gone and there is no way of bringing them back but still they preserve the position of the lost member by assuming or imagining their existence and presence in their hearts. The father or mother whomsoever is facing widowhood cannot share every need and want with their children. As a human we have many needs and wants, we all running towards our needs and wants in our one life then how we cannot expect the needs and wants of our parents? 4 pages, 1840 words. The Term Paper on Divorced Parents Children Vs Married Parents Children part 1. When a parent dies the surviving parent and children are often unable to work together to cope with the loss. We propose that this situation arises from their inability to accept the finality of death. Parents and children have difficulty adjusting t. We propose that this situation arises from their inability to accept the finality of death. Parents and children have difficulty adjusting to life without the deceased because of their expectation that he or she will return. Authors: S M Silverman; P R Silverman.