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BEARS IN THE ZOO: EXPLORING PARENT AND YOUNG-ADULT CORESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

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This poster presentation highlights the use of photographs and ethnographic interviews to explore the issues faced by young adults who return home to live with their parents after graduating from university. Through the photographs and personal accounts, the subjects of the research explain their reasons for returning home, express their concerns and conflicts, and recount the benefits of living with their parents. Coresidence among young adults is increasing in the United States and this presentation examines some of the advantages and difficulties of this contemporary phenomenon. The poster is meant to spark discussion between young adults and parents about the practicalities and concerns that accompany this new trend by means of comparison between personal experiences and patterns uncovered in the research.