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|  | Factors Included in Study | Number of children in ... |  | Ages | Academic \& Cognitive development | Depression, anxiety overall satisfaction, self esteem | Peer Behavior Substance use Hyperactivity | Health \& psycho somatic problems | Parent-child or other Family relationships |
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|  |  | ... Joint JPC | ... Sole SPC |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bastaits(2016) |  | 138 | 238 | 10-18 |  | Better self esteem |  |  | Better |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Equal life satisfaction |  |  |  |
| Bastaits (2014) |  | 139 | 227 |  |  | Equal |  |  |  |
| Bergstrom(2015) | \$* | 15,633 | 29,468 | 12 \& 15 | Equal | Better |  | Better |  |
| Bergstrom (2013) |  | 17,350 | 43,452 | 12-15 | Equal | Better |  | Better | Better |
| Buchanan | = C = \$ | 51 | $355 \mathrm{mom} / 100$ dad | 13-16 | Better | Better | Better | Better | Better |
| Brotsky | C+ | 45 | 10 | 1-10 |  | Better | Better |  |  |
| Breivik | \$* | 41 | 483 | 12-16 | Better |  |  |  |  |
| Barumazadeh | C* | 91 | 328 mom/34 dad | 11-12 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Bergstrom (2014) | \$* | 129 | 176 | 4-18 |  | Better | Better |  |  |
| Bergstrom (2017) | \$* | 136 | 151 | 3-5 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Bjarnason |  | 2,206 | 25,578 | 11-15 |  | Better life satisfaction |  |  |  |
| Bjarnason |  | 2,206 | 25,578 | 11-15 |  |  |  |  | Better |
| Carlsund (2013) | \$* | 888 | 2,019 | 11-15 |  | Better | Better | Better | Better |
| Carlsund (2012) | \$* | 270 | 801 | 11-15 |  |  | Better |  | Better |
| Cashmore (gov) | = + + | 84 | 473 | 0-17 | Better | Better | Better |  |  |
| Cashmore (gov) | =C+ = \$ | 90 | 411 | 0-17 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Cashmore |  | 26 | 110 | Teenage |  | Equal |  |  |  |
| Campana |  | 207 | 272 | 10-18 |  | Better | Better |  |  |
| Dissing | \$* | 3,222 | 3,032 | 11-12 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Donnelly | = C | 12 | 88 | 6-18 |  |  |  |  | Equal affection Better boundaries |
| Drapeau | = C \$ * | 37 | 75 | 8-12 |  | Equal to better | Equal |  |  |
| Fabricius (2012) | C* | 152 | 871 | College |  |  |  |  | Better |
| Fabricius (2003) |  | 80 | 739 | College |  |  |  |  | Better |
| Fabricius (2007) |  | 75 | 136 | College |  |  |  | Better | Better |
| Fabricius (2016) | =C = \$ | 13 | 103 | College |  |  |  | Better | Better |
| Faust |  | 34 | 35 | 2-19 |  | Equal | Equal |  |  |
| Fransson (2016) | \$* | 391 | $543 \mathrm{mom} / 111$ dad | 10-18 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Fransson |  | 497 | 854 | 10-18 |  | Equal psychological | Equal drinking | Better | Better |
| Frank |  | 16 | 90 | College |  |  |  |  | Better |
| Hagquest | \$* | 17,754 | 30,400 | 12-15 |  |  |  | Better |  |
| Havermans |  | 224 | 446 | 11-19 | Equal |  |  |  | Better |
| Irving | = $=$ \$ | 108 | 294 | 1-11 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Jablonska |  | 443 | 2,920 | 14-15 |  |  | Better behaviour | Better |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Equal drinking |  |  |
| Janning | = \$ | 5 | 17 | College |  |  |  |  | Better |
| Jappens |  | 176 | 707 | 10-25 |  |  |  |  | Better with grand parents |
| Johnston | = C + = | 28 | 69 | 9-15 |  | Equal | Equal |  |  |
| Kaspiev (gov) | = C | 947 | 3,513 |  | Moms say equal | Moms say equal |  |  | Grandparents better |
|  |  |  |  |  | Dads say better | Dads say better |  |  |  |
| Kline | = C+ | 35 | 65 | 4-12 |  | Equal | Equal |  |  |

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| Laftman | \$* | 1,573 | 1,584 | 15-16 |  | Better |  | Better | Better |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lee | $C^{*}=\$$ | 20 | 39 | 6-12 |  |  | Better |  |  |
| Lodge (gov) | = C | 105 | 398 mom/120 dad | 12-18 | Equal |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Better - girls } \\ \hline \text { Worse - boys } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Better - parents grandparents \& stepparents |
| Luepnitz | = \$ | 22 | 30 | 8-13 |  | Equal |  |  | Better |
| McIntosh (gov) X | C* \$* | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | Ages 2-3 232/Ages 4-5 870 | 2-5 |  | Mixed for toddlers Equal for pre-schoolers |  | Equal to better all ages |  |
| Melli |  | 597 | 595 | 1-16 |  | Equal |  | Better | Better |
| Neoh |  | 27 | 40 | 8-15 |  | Equal | Better |  |  |
| Nilsen | \$* | 398 | 1,223 | 16-19 |  | Better | Better |  |  |
| Pearson |  | 62 | 459 | 9-12 |  | Better | Better |  |  |
| Pearson |  | 9 | 83 | 9-12 |  | Equal | Equal |  |  |
| Qu (2014) (gov) | = C | 720 | 2,354 | 4-17 |  |  |  | Equal |  |
| Qu (2010) (gov) | $=C$ | 1,000 | 4,320 | 1-17 | Moms say equal Dads say better |  | Equal | Better |  |
| Sandler | C+ | 67 | 74 | 12-14 |  |  | Mixed |  | Mixed |
| Shiller | = C | 20 | 20 | 6-11 |  |  | Better |  |  |
| Sodermans | \$* | 104 | $\begin{aligned} & 330 \mathrm{mom} \\ & 70 \mathrm{dad} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 14-21 |  | Mixed: depression Equal: life satisfaction |  |  |  |
| Spruijt | = \$ | 135 | 400 | 10-16 | Equal | Equal | Equal |  | Better dad \& stepmom |
| Tornello X | C \$ | 174 | 1880 | 0-5 |  | Equal | Better social development | Equal | Mixed infant attachment |
| Turunen | \$* | 387 | 758 | 10-18 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Turunen |  | 240 | 567 | 10-18 |  | Better |  |  |  |
| Vanassche | = + | 395 | 1045 | 12-19 |  | Girls worse <br> Boys better |  |  | Better with dad <br> Equal with mom |
| Wadsby |  | 324 | 736 | 17-18 |  | Better |  |  | Better |
| Westphal | \$* | 1,076 | 2,767 | 10-18 |  |  |  |  | Better with grand parents |

C* conflict was controlled by statistically JPC \& SPC differences into the analysis
= C conflict was controlled because there were no significant differences between JPC \& SPC conflict
\$* income was controlled by statistically factoring it in to the analysis
$=\$ \quad$ income was controlled because there were no significant differences between JPC \& SPC parents
C+ researchers specified that very high conflict parents in litigation over custody were in this study
gov government published study (Australia), not peer reviewed academic journal
Mixed differences between JPC \& SPC outcomes depended on factors like gender, personality, or age
$\mathrm{X} \quad$ some measures used to gather data were not validated.

## Results of 60 studies (overview):

JPC better on all measures than SPC: 34 studies
JPC equal or better outcomes than SPC: 14 studies
Equal outcomes: 6 studies
JPC worse outcome on 1 measure but equal or better on others: 6 studies
Overall, the children in shared parenting families had better outcomes on measures of emotional, behavioral, and psychological well-being, as well as better physical health and better relationships with their fathers and their mothers, benefits that remained even when there were high levels of conflict between their parents.

