**DO PARENTS HAVE THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILD’S ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OR DOES THE CHILD’S TEACHER HAVE MORE INFLUENCE?**

Education is a weapon to improve one’s life. Education affects the chances of employment for people. A highly educated individual is probably very likely to get a good job. For this reason nowdays going to high school or university has become a mainstream but is it so essential?

Firstly, parents have direct interactions with the children because they provide a sense of identification to the child. They also play a very important role in the socializing process of the child. Moreover, adults are important role models for children in learning about the world of work. They influence what career their children’s choose by the way they talk about work at home, their overall satisfaction and pride in their work, and also the position and payment of their work. However, it should be noted that sometimes parents' expectations are different from their children’s ones.

On the other hand, teachers are definitely great shapers of children and influence what or how they will be in the future. Teachers who are able to inspire, support and provide appropriate care for their students certainly cause a great impact in their lives. Teachers are able to understand children’s attitudes and so they help kids succeed, get into good universities and become successful.

To sum up, the education of children is both influenced by their parents and their teachers but especially in the early years family generally has more impact to shape child’s identity. Instead, in adolescence external factors may impact more. For example, it appears that the power of the peer group becomes more important when family relationships are not close or supportive.