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Review article

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Highlights

- Many young adults continue to live with their parents, either returning to the home after leaving ("boomerang" children) or by remaining in the home ("failure to launch").
- This phenomenon is influenced by a broad range of financial, social, and emotional factors for both parents and children.
- Living with parents provides various types of support for adult children; however this can interfere with children's sense of independence.
- Parents can experience negative financial and emotional impacts from continued parenting.
- The redefinition of roles and expectations of both parents and children is critical to the success of the living arrangement.

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