



Home Sweet Home

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The New Year is filled with lots of trend predictions. In an AJC article on the changing designs of homes, one expert described kids bedrooms as containing “flat screen t.v.’s, a mini refrigerator and space to serve all his electronic needs. She went on to say that, “we shouldn’t expect them to leave when they are 18”.

Why should they?! There is little impetus to venture out on your own when you are so comfy at home. The cushy cocoon described by our trend watcher would make anybody hesitant about going to live in a mediocre apartment where you have to share a tight space, grocery shop, cook, clean and pay bills, etc.

Part of making the transition to the adult world is getting out and making it on your own. I know it is not easy today and people in their early 20’s are “boomeranging” after college while they save enough to move out.

They are often holding down multiple jobs and going to school. However, I also believe that you gain a sense of independence, self-confidence, and essential coping skills when you get out of that bedroom you grew up in. This sense of responsibility and initiative carries over to help you succeed at work.

Any of you holding out from moving out because it is too good at home? What about your parents? How do they feel? Do they support you so you don’t have to work?