

Mothers Interaction with Children: A Study in Three Income Groups

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ABSTRACT A study was conducted in the year 2004 in city Hisar in the state of Haryana on a sample size of 90 mothers of 45 male and 45 female young children. Self-structured interview schedule was used to gather information on various interactional strategies adopted by the mothers. Responsivity, physical affection, explaining, praise/appreciation, instruction, criticizing are used similarly by the mothers of all strata of society. Involvement, observing, inquiry, suggestion, helping on demand, reward power, comply, encouraging and physical restraints are used more by the higher-income group mothers whereas neglect, inquiry, punishment, fear are more used by the mothers of lower-income group.