

## **Incidence of Abusive Parenting in Single Parent and Intact Families as Perceived by the Adolescents**

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**ABSTRACT** The present study was undertaken to document the incidence of abusive parenting in single parent and intact families. The sample, consisting of 200 adolescents both boys and girls (100 each from single parent and intact families) in the age group of 13-16 years was selected from co-educational Senior Secondary Schools of Ludhiana city. Data were collected by using a Personal Information Sheet and a self structured Interview Schedule relating to abusive parenting. Varying degree of abusive parenting was reported by 81 per cent adolescents; 59 per cent experiencing low abusive parenting and 22 per cent high, in both single parent and intact families. Adolescents from intact families perceived their parents as more abusive on various dimensions such as nature of parents, school regularity, discouraging, criticizing and ignoring attitude of parents; boys were punished more than girls. A total of 59.50 per cent adolescents experienced physical punishment and the most common mode used for punishment was slapping (80.67%) and the adolescents experienced injuries (20.16%) also such as bruises, bleeding, burns and even bone fractures.