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Parents' Mode of Communication with Their Hearing Impaired Children in Gweru Urban

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ABSTRACT The study sought to establish the mode of communication used by parents with their hearing impaired children. A qualitative interpretive research methodology was adopted. Data was collected from Gweru Urban District in Zimbabwe. The population comprised of visually impaired pupils attending school at Jairos Jiri and their parents. The researchers used purposive sampling or availability sampling to come up with 20 parents and 20 children. The study observed that parents struggle to communicate with their hearing impaired children hence some parents end up using gestures, facial expression, pointing, touching and other manual signs that are not recognised in trying to communicate with their children. The study also established that hearing parents and guardians use Total Communication as a mode of communication with their hearing impaired children.