

Do Children With Different Attachment Type Perceive Different Parental Rearing?

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ABSTRACT This study examined the likely direction of influence between perceived parental rearing and attachment type among first grade school children. Measures of perceived parental rearing and attachment type were administered to children through interview (n=120). The results revealed that securely attached children perceived their mothers as warmer than insecurely attached children. Ambivalently attached children perceived their mother as overprotective, anxious and less warm. More so, avoidantly attached children perceived their mothers as less warm and less protective. Further findings indicated that, ambivalently attached children perceived their mothers as overprotective and anxious than avoidant children. These results provide new insight into the direction of effects between attachment and perceived parental rearing during childhood. Future studies may consider moderating variables which may affect the relationship between perceived parental rearing and attachment style.