

Perception of Parents about Their Relationship with Teenage Sons and Daughters

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ABSTRACT The present study investigated parent-child relationship (PCR) from the perspective of the parents of the teenage sons and daughters. Families for the present study were nuclear families from middle and upper- middle class where both parents were at least graduate and were working and had one teenaged son and teenaged daughter between 13-19 years of age. The present study was based on a sample of 400 respondents (100 of each fathers, mothers, sons and daughters). A self constructed socio-demographic questionnaire, Socio-Economic Scale and Parent-Child Relationship Scale were used in the present study. Results revealed that majority of parents perceived their overall relationship with their sons and daughters as good. Parents perceived similar kind of relationship irrespective of the gender of the child. Parents reported high level of acceptance, marital adjustment, realistic role expectations and moderate level of protection, indulgence, utopian expectations, severe moralism and severe discipline for their teenage children. High degree of congruence was found between perception of fathers and mothers across all the dimensions.