



# An analysis of parent-child relationship as perceived by adolescents

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## ABSTRACT

Parent-child relationship plays an important role in the psychological well being of the adolescent. The present study aims to explore the adolescents' perception of their relationship with their parents. The sample comprised of 100 school going adolescents (50 boys and 50 girls) who were in the age range of 16-18 years and selected from two schools of Ludhiana city, during the session 2015-2016. Parent-child relationship scale (PCR) developed by Rao (2001) was used to assess the characteristic behaviour of the parents as experienced by their children. The results of the study revealed that sons in contrast to daughters perceived parents to be more demanding and giving more object punishment. On the other hand, daughters in contrast to sons perceived their fathers to be more protecting and mothers to be more loving and symbolic reward giving. Adolescents perceived their mothers more symbolically punitive as well as more loving towards them than their fathers. Also, sons perceived their mothers to be more protecting and less neglecting than their fathers.

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