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Abstract

The present research aims to find the effect of family functioning on moral development and behavior problem among adolescents. The main objective of the present study is to find out the relationship between family functioning, moral development and behavior problems among adolescents focusing on healthy family functionality influencing the behavior problem in adolescents. It was hypothesized that parent-family functioning will be related to adolescent moral development and behavioral problems. It was hypothesized that parent-family functioning would predict adolescent moral development and behavioral problems. The research method was a correlational research design. The sample was selected by purposive sampling technique. Data was collected from adolescents and their parents by using the following psychometric tools which are; General Family Functioning, Moral Development Inventory (MDI) and Barratt Impulsive Scale-Eleventh Revision (BIS-11), and Buss-Perry Aggression Questionnaire (BPAQ). The non-probability purposive sampling technique was used to collect data from (N=300) 100 adolescents and 200 parents. Co-relational and comparative research design was used for this research. Data was analyzed on SPSS 25. Descriptive analysis was used to analyze, demographics. The correlation analysis reveals significant relationships between family functioning, moral development, and behavioral problems among the studied these variables. Higher family functioning (reported by both parents) is associated with higher moral development and lower behavioral problems. Higher levels of fathers' family functioning are associated with increased moral development, while at the same time, they are also linked to higher levels of behavioral problems.

Keywords: Family Functioning, Moral Development, Behavior Problem

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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	***Full Form***
AID	*Acquired Immune Deficiency*
APGAR	*Apgar Score*
BIS	*Barratt Impulsiveness Scale*
BPAQ	*Buss-Perry Aggression Questionnaire*
CI	*Confidence Interval*
CO	*Carbon Monoxide*
FAD	*McMaster Family Assessment Device*
GF	*Family Functioning*
JCLP	*Journal of Clinical Psychology*
LL	*Lower Limit*
MS	*Manuscript*
NJ	*New Jersey*
SD	*Standard Deviation*
SE	*Standard Error*
SPSS	*Statistical Package for the Social Sciences*