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Abstract

The aim of the current study is to examine the relationship between child-parent relationships and parental bonding in single-earner and dual-earner parents. This study is designed as intergenerational study. In this study, parents will rate their relationship with their own parents and also rate their relationship with their own child. The purpose is to determine whether parental bonding significantly predicts the quality of child-parent relationships in these groups. To fulfill the aim the data was collected from a sample of 300 parents, which were divided equally in groups of 150 with single-earner parents and 150 with dual-earner parents. To fulfill this aim, the following hypotheses were proposed (i) There would be a significant difference in the level of child-parent relationships between single-earner and dual-earner parents. (ii) There would be a significant difference in parental bonding between single-earner and dual-earner parents. (iii)There would be gender differences in child-parent relationships and parental bonding among single-earner and dual-earner parents. (iv) Child-parent relationship and Parental bonding would show a positive correlation in both single-earner and dual-earner parents. (v) Parental bonding would significantly predict the quality of child-parent relationships in single-earner and dual-earner parents. The Child-Parent Relationship Scale (CPRS-SF) by Robert C. Pianta (1998) and The Parental Bonding Instrument (PBI) by Gordon Parker (1979) were used to measure child-parent relationships and parental bonding in single-earner and dual-earner parents. The findings indicated a results from the independent samples t-test significant gender differences in child-parent relationships and parental bonding in single-earner and dual-earner parents. The Anova test revealed significant mean differences across the groups of parents. Results showed that significant positive correlation between child-parent relationships and parental bonding in single-earner and dual-earner parents. Results from the linear regression analysis showed that parental bonding is a significant predictor of child-parent relationships.

Keywords: Child-Parent Relationship, Parental Bonding.

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