Family Interaction Domains as Perceived by Parents of Both Autistic and Normal Children in the Kingdom of Bahrain: A comparative study

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Study Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate the various levels of familial interaction domains as perceived by parents of autistic children and normal children. It is also aimed to examine the differences between fathers and mothers of autistic children within those interactive domains.

The data of the study consisted of a sample of (80) parents (mothers and fathers) of children aged between (6-12), (40 parents of autistic children and 40 parents of normal children).

For the purpose of this research, taxonomy of familial interactions is utilized. This taxonomy was designed by Fathi Sayed Abdulraheem and Hamed Alfeqi in 1980 to identify the nature and patterns of interactions between family members. As well as measure the degree of cohesion between them.

Moreover, descriptive comparative methods were used. Fundantally, the study aims to answer the following research questions:

- What are the various levels of familial interactive domains as perceived by parents of autistic and normal children?

- Are there significal statical differences in the average scores of interactions patterns between families of autistic children and families of normal children within the familial interaction domains?

- Are there significal statical differences in the average scores of interaction patterns between mothers and fathers of autistic children within the familial interactive domains?