

PARENTING STYLES AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR AMONG PRESCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

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ABSTRACT

The present study aimed at investigating the relationship and impact of parenting styles on aggressive behavior of preschool going children. It was hypothesized that authoritative parenting style will be negatively related to aggressive behavior while authoritarian and permissive parenting styles will be positively related to aggressive behavior of preschool going children and that parenting style will impact the preschool aggressive behaviors. The participants included 310 school going children and their parents. The aggressive behavior was measured by CBCL 1.5-5 (Rescorla, 2005) and parenting styles by Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire (Robinson, Mandelco, Olsen, & Hart, 2001). Correlation analysis mostly indicated not significant relationship of parenting styles with aggressive behavior. Only the groups of 2 and 4 years old children, showed a significant correlation of aggression scale with gender ($r = -.231, p = .016$; $r = .383, p = .000$). Regressions illustrated that there was not a statistically significant interaction effect between parenting style and aggression in preschool children $F(2) = 1.045, p = .353; \eta^2 = .007$. We did not find significant interaction effect also between parent's gender $F(1) = .133, p = .716; \eta^2 = .00$ and parenting style * parent's gender $F(2) = .833, p = .436; \eta^2 = .005$. It was concluded that parenting styles have no relationship and no interaction with preschool children aggressive behavior.

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