



PERCEIVED SOCIAL SUPPORT AND SATISFACTION LEVEL OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

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Aim of the study: To know the perceived social support and satisfaction level of parents of children with autism.

Methodology: This is a quantitative cross-sectional survey study where 111 participants were assigned purposively from different special school and therapy centre in Dhaka. Revised Parental Social Support Scale-RPSSS was used to conduct this study. Data were analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS).

Conclusion: Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex developmental disorder. Some areas those are very concerning to parents like problems with social interaction, language, emotion, motor and sensory abilities. In developing countries like Bangladesh the number of children with autism increased day by day and the parents of children with autism feel frustrated and worried

about their children's challenging behavior. They are seeking for social support that would be informational, partnership and emotional.

Among 111 participants most of them were female. Most of the participant's 61.3% age were in between 31-40. The maximum 47.70% participants completed their postgraduate degree (masters' level). Among them most of the participants were housewives 66.7%. The majority of the participants 40% sometimes had someone to provide social support. Most of them 48.85% were satisfied with the social support they receive.

Limitation

- The small sample size and descriptive research design limit the generalizability of the findings. This study was undertaken in families of children with autism in Dhaka District, so the results may not be generalizable to all families of children with autism.
- In this study, there was only two association have been shown between the gender of the participants and the perceived social partnership support and satisfaction level from that support.
- Quantitative type of research has been conducted only.
- Only the parents who have a child with autism of (3-14 years) were selected as a participant.

Recommendation

Moreover, further investigation is needed for better result of this study.

- It would be better if the sample size has been increased more and data can collect from whole Bangladesh.
- The association should show among all the demographics information of the participants and other result of the perceived social support and satisfaction level.
- The research would be conducted by both quantitatively and qualitatively.
- It would better, if there is no age range barrier.

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