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PERCEPTION OF PARENTS ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AFTER THE DIAGNOSIS

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Title: “Perception of Parents about Their Children with Autism after the Diagnosis”

Aim of the study: To determine the parent’s perception of having a child with Autism after the diagnosis.

Methodology: This is a phenomenological qualitative study where 15 samples were assigned purposively from different center and school. Semi-structured questionnaires were used for data collection throughout the interview. The data was transcribed and the thematic method was used to analyze the data.

Result: The majority of the parents doesn’t have sufficient knowledge about Autism Spectrum Disorder; faces many difficulties and negative impact on their life because of lack of proper support from family members.

Conclusion: Parents of children with ASD are scared about their children's future and experience a variety of difficulties, especially physical, psychological, and family difficulties.

Limitation:

There were some limitations and barriers while conducting the study in different aspects.

Those are as follows:

- Fathers were less involved in this research than mothers; as a result, the experiences of fathers might be equal or separate from the mother was not identified properly.
- The interview was taken in Bengali and then translated into English. Due to the fact that the real-life experience of the parents could not be accurately described in English.
- The data was collected from 2 special needs schools in Savar because of the COVID situation most of the special needs schools were closed.
- It would have been better information to know about different parent's perceptions if the data could have been obtained from Dhaka city or even from different districts in Bangladesh.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that parents of children with autism know more about autism, as well as other people of society especially the family members to know about autism. Due to a lack of knowledge about autism, they make various negative comments to parents especially the mothers of children with autism, and mothers suffer a variety of challenges in their life. Further recommendation are-

- Further study can be conducted on experiences of family members to understanding the sense about ASD.
- Also suggest further research into role of the father in caring for the child with ASD.
- Another study can be conducted on the impact on parents for having a child with ASD.

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