

## ABSTRACT

*Communication Patterns in controlling the use of devices in children has an important role in this digital era. The use of gadgets or electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets and computers has become an inseparable part of children's daily life. However, excessive and uncontrolled use can negatively impact a child's physical, mental and social development. Parents have a central role in managing and limiting the use of devices in children. Effective communication between parents and children is the main foundation in creating a shared understanding about the limitations of using devices. Through open communication, parents can explain the importance of balanced screen time, the negative effects of excessive use, and the risks of inappropriate content for children. This made the writer interested in conducting a study entitled Communication Patterns in Controlling the Use of Devices in Children. This study aims to find out how parents mediate communication strategies in controlling the use of gadgets in children. The method used in this research is descriptive qualitative with an interpretive paradigm. Data collection was carried out by interviews and literature study. The author conducted interviews conducted interviews with eight key informants and one expert informant who is domiciled in the City of Bukittinggi. The conclusion from this study is that the conformity orientation of parents makes rules to control the use of devices in children, such as the duration of using devices, restrictions that are accessed by children and patterns in the use of devices. Parents' conversational orientation must also make effective and interesting diversions for children to be able to reduce the intensity of using gadgets in children. Parents must also be open and have discussions about the dangers of excessive use of gadgets for children.*

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