

ABSTRACT

Cruise families, where the husband works on a cruise ship, exhibit unique dynamics in family identity formation. Although physically separated, they remain connected through strong emotional and social bonds. Although the head of the family has to sail for 7-9 months each year, interaction and communication is still possible through a commitment to good family relationships. While Pengkol Village benefits economically from the large number of residents working as cruise ship sailors, it also faces risks to family unity and resilience. The role of parents as primary communicators is crucial in building healthy family relationships, despite the distance. Despite the challenges, commitment and initiative from family members, especially parents, are needed to maintain family psychological well-being and strengthen harmonious family relationships. The purpose of this study is to find out about the family communication in building the integrity of the cruise family in Pengkol Village and what factors influence it. The research method used is qualitative research method and case study approach. The collection techniques used were interviews and observations to all informants. The results contained in this study are that the communication identity in the shipping family in Pengkol Village has a fairly good quality, reflected in the cooperation between family members in daily activities. The extraordinary commitment shown by the seafaring family to prove they are able to go through process after process to play a role with each other so as to create a close bond despite the barriers of long-distance communication.

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