

ABSTRACT

Parental involvement is very important in a child's development. When one of these roles is not fulfilled, there will be a negative effect on the child's development. Today, the role of head of the family is not only held by the father. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS), by 2023, 12.73% of household heads in Indonesia will be women. Given the significant role of parents in shaping children's behavior, communicative interactions between parents and children are crucial in developing children's character, especially in the context of communication between single parents and children. This study examines the effects of various family communication patterns on child development in single-mother families. The purpose of this study is to understand how laissez-faire, protective, pluralistic, and consensual communication patterns affect children's emotional, social, and moral development. The method used was in-depth interviews with psychologists and single mothers to obtain in-depth data. The results showed that the laissez-faire communication pattern tends to inhibit children's cognitive and emotional development. The protective pattern protects children from harm but can inhibit their independence. The pluralistic pattern, with open communication and emotional support, has a positive effect on children's wellbeing. Consensual patterns teach children to respect the opinions of others and strengthen critical thinking skills. In conclusion, an effective communication pattern is one that strikes a balance between giving direction and allowing children to learn from their own experiences.

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