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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted to determine the Parenting Style, Parents' Reinforcement and Environmental Adaptation of Parents of Children with Autism (CWA) in Dasmariñas City, Cavite. Specifically, this study aimed to: (1) determine the parenting style used by the parents; (2) determine the parents' reinforcement; (3) determine the environmental adaptation and; (4) determine the relationship between parenting style and environmental adaptation and parents' reinforcement and environmental adaptation of the parents of CWA.

The participants of this study were thirty one parents of CWA, residing in Dasmariñas City, Cavite. The sampling technique employed in the study was purposive sampling technique, which is non-probability purposive sampling and is employed in the selection of the parents. Descriptive correlational design was used in this study to obtain, explain, and correlate the variables, such as parenting style, parents' reinforcement and environmental adaptation. Descriptive correlational research design was also used in this study, which involves analysis and evaluation of the relationships between the parenting style and environmental adaptation and; parents' reinforcement and environmental adaptation of the participants. Mean, median, percentage, standard deviation and spearman rank was used to calculate and interpret the answer of the objectives of the study which are the personal data sheet of the participants.

The findings of the study indicated that majority of the parents used the authoritative parenting style, and is using positive reinforcement. They only have a moderate level in problem-focused and environmental adaptation. Results also revealed that there is no significant relationship between parenting style and environmental adaptation but in parents' reinforcement and environmental adaptation has a significant relationship. This means that the parents of CWA were less likely to use discipline to their child because they are more of supporting and strengthening the behaviour of their child. They are more of imposing positive reinforcement rather than focusing on the bad behaviour of the child.

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INTRODUCTION

"It is culture that disables"
Corner (2012)

Parents play an important role since the day a baby was born. They say that delivering a child to this world is one of the most fulfilling and wonderful thing a mother could have. Normally, mothers are so happy with their children. Most people would agree that parenting is not an easy job. In fact, it is one of the hardest tasks as every parent would hope to succeed. It is considered as one of the important determinants of several aspects of children's outcome (Gadeyne et.al, 2004).

Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder is persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts, as manifested by the following: deficits in social-emotional reciprocity, ranging, for example, from abnormal social approach and failure of normal back-and-forth conversation; to reduced sharing of