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## **ABSTRACT**

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This study showed the challenges which teenage fathers encountered in school, socioeconomic condition, with their partner and in terms of childcare. The sense of responsibility of teenage fathers in terms of the quality of father-child relationship as well as the time spent between father and child and their investment in paternal role. The relationship of the challenges encountered by teenage fathers and their sense of responsibility was tested. Lastly, their thoughts of being a teenage father and their perceptions of the challenges they encounter in their fatherhood life were also presented.

Mixed method research design was used in gathering all the data including quantitative and qualitative data wherein all the quantitative data gathered from the self-made questionnaires and all the qualitative data gathered from interview were analyzed and combined.

The teenage fathers were lowly challenged in the problems they encountered. On the other hand, they had a very high level of sense of responsibility. This study showed that there was no significant relationship between the challenges encountered and sense of responsibility of teenage fathers.

They thought that becoming a father is all about changing oneself, perseverance, sacrifice, happiness, fear, regret, selflessness, responsibility, shyness, maturity, resourcefulness, having conflicts with partner and with family, giving everything to their

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## INTRODUCTION

*“Hindi ko po sigurado. Wala na po akong magagawa dahil andyan na po. Papanindigan ko na rin po. Tinanggap ko rin. Kakayanin ko na rin pong magkaroon ng trabaho para sa kanilang dalawa.”* (Allen, 2011).

Parenthood is not an easy obligation for the usual adult individuals. How much more with the young ones? One research says that, becoming a parent is challenging and stressful for anyone, but is especially difficult for young individuals (Fagot *et. al.*, 1998, Scaramella *et. al.*, 1998 and Berk 2001). Teenage fathers are experiencing negative educational, financial, and social, health, and other developmental consequences together with their children which resulted from a not yet established clear sense of direction of their own lives (Locker, 1996 cited by Berk, 2001). It means that preparedness in this kind of situation is important because an engagement with this in a very young age greatly follows negative consequences not only in the life of teen fathers but also with their children. However, there are still teen fathers who manage to establish responsibility wherein there is increasing evidence which was shown in this study that teen fathers want to be involved with their children in some ways.