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The study was conducted at Indang, Cavite at the following barangays: Bancod, Calumpang Cerca, Calumpang Lejos, Buna Lejos I, Buna Lejos II, Kayquit II, and Buna Cerca from January to March 2017. It was conducted to determine the parenthood as perceived by teenage parents. Specifically, the study aimed to: 1.) determine how they sustain the needs of their children being teenage parents; 2.) determine the perceived roles as parent being teenage parents; 3.) determine how they handle their responsibilities as teenage parents; and 4.) determine the changes in their lives as brought about by becoming teenage parents.

The research was a qualitative study and the participants of the study were seven teenage parents whose age varies from 15 to 19 years and lives as a family—whether they own the house or living with their parents / relatives, or are studying, working, or both.

The teenage parents are utilizing different roles as parents and perceive themselves as counsellor, provider, and educator which includes devoting time, dedicating love, giving comfort, and providing needs to their child.

Likewise, the teenage parents face countless challenges like lifestyle changes in their lives as an individual; they have feelings of resent and regret and for treating the baby as an accident or consequence for their impulsiveness and as a reason for them to almost stop attending school; lack of finances to support the needs of their children; and having to work at an early age.

On the other hand, parenthood as a teenage parent is one of the most challenging and hardest experience anyone could face at an early age but they learned to be matured, strong and independent for their families. For them, being teenage parents is not a hindrance to become a good person or parent to their child, and to even pursue their careers with their child.

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INTRODUCTION

Every individual makes their own decision in life, especially the youth who would like to enjoy "the broad world." They enjoy things, cherish moments, and explore the world in pursuit of discovering happiness. Adulthood is one of life's crucial stages. Youth nowadays are more aggressive in exploring the outside world by learning many new things. They tend to be curious about the things outside of their comfort zone—about the mysteries of the world that they have yet to experience. Consequently, they thirst for challenge and adventure, thus finding themselves entangled with the tricks and deception of life that in turn can easily, in violence lead them straight to fall, which can be in the form of drug addiction involvement, juvenile delinquency, and teenage pregnancy which in turn they became parents at an early age.

According to Rise Children Network (2006) some teenage parents might feel they are too busy trying to cope with the rest of their life that they cannot give their children the enough necessary attention. "Because they might also have to worry about finishing