



IMPACT OF INTERVENTION ON PARENTS' AWARENESS AND PRACTICES IN IMPARTING SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

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ABSTRACT

Parents play a crucial role as sexual health educators for children with autism- because children with autism experience typical sexual development, but lack social skills and understanding of the rules that govern the display of appropriate sexual behaviour. The pre-test post-test method helped assess the awareness and practices of 50 parents in imparting sexual health education to children with autism- before and after an 8 week intervention program. Two dichotomous scales were framed by the investigator for the purpose of this study- to assess the awareness and practices of parents in imparting sexual health education to their children with autism. During pre-test it was found that parents lacked in their awareness and practices. The McNemar's test was used to assess if statistically significant changes in response have occurred after the intervention program. Data reveals a highly significant improvement in their awareness and practices, indicating the effectiveness of the intervention program on sexual health education for parents of children with autism.

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Autism, Awareness, Intervention, Parents, Practice, Sexual health education