

## THE EFFECT OF PARENTAL COMMUNICATION ON THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINORS

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<b>Keywords :</b>	<b>Abstract.</b> This study aims to determine the effect of parental communication on children's growth and development. This study uses a qualitative approach. Determination of informants in this study using purposive sampling, which determines the informants as the people who know best, the sources in this study are 6 residents of Tegalle Village, Lembursitu District, Lembursitu Village, Sukabumi City. Data collection techniques using online interviews. Based on the results, it can be seen that from the data that can be interpreted, family communication is very important for children's growth and development, from observations and interviews there are still parents who even have difficulty knowing their children's daily lives and controlling their children because they are busy working and only have little time to spend together.
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### 1. INTRODUCTION


The family, especially parents, is the first educational environment for children where children are taught and told something until he knows everything. The family provides the basis for the formation of behavior, character, morals and education for children. The experience of interaction in the family will also determine the pattern of children's behavior towards others in society. (Sulisrudatin, N, 2020). All of this cannot be separated from the responsibility of parents who play a very important role in the lives of their children, therefore parents have an important role in educating, training and telling everything they need to know and learn. So that the process of forming children's behavior can be perfectly monitored because of the role of parents involved in it.

The relationship between parents and children is built because of communication. There is not a single family in this world who does not communicate, because everyone must communicate both at home and outside the home. All activity between parents and children is communication. However, effective communication is not how often parents and children communicate but the content of the communication greatly determines the effectiveness in communicating. There are so many communication mistakes made by parents to their children which without realizing it is not effective communication by parents. There are several communication errors made by parents, including: the tendency to command; snapped; scold; threaten; labeling children (stupid, naughty, stubborn); judge;

According to Charles H. Cooley, a person's self-concept develops through his interactions with other people. The self that develops through interaction with others is called the looking-glass self. The looking-glass self is formed in three stages. The first stage, a person has a perception of the views of others towards him. The second stage, a person has a perception of the judgment of others on his appearance. The third stage, a person has feelings for what he feels as other people's assessment of him. At this stage, a child not only knows the role that must be carried out, but also knows the role that must be carried out by other people with whom they interact.

Communication between parents and children can be done in two ways, namely one-way and two-way communication. Through one-way communication, parents can convey wise messages to their children. But keep in mind that these messages must be universal and non-judgmental. Furthermore, it is continued with two-way communication accompanied by a common understanding of a matter that causes both parties; both parents and children can share thoughts, feelings, information, or advice, so that it creates pleasure that affects a positive attitude in a relationship. Effective communication is built thanks to openness, support, empathy, and a common perception between parents and children. But nowadays not many parents trust their children to be able to make their own decisions. This can prevent

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children from being independent in their future lives (Ronald, 2006; Endang, Tri, 2018).

Effective communication is crucial to the growth and development of children in the family. Growth and development is not only physical but the soul in a child must be able to develop as well. Parents not only provide nutritional intake but also spiritual intake for their children. The Importance of Developing the Spiritual Intelligence Potential of Children from an Early Age "Every child is born in a state of nature, it is his parents who make him Jewish, convert him, or promote him" (Al Hadith). Children are born with high spiritual intelligence, but the treatment of parents and the environment causes them to lose their spiritual potential. In the hadith above, it is very clear that parents play an important role and even have control over their children.

One of the factors causing the lack of communication that exists between families is that parents work for a very long time so that there is very little communication. Parents who work are very difficult to control and supervise the behavior of their children's growth and development so that there are often unwanted cases. According to KPAI (Indonesian Child Protection Commission) recorded at least ten problems that parents must be aware of that occur in children, namely: intake for children; drug abuse; smoke; internet security; psychological conditions; violent behavior; early pregnancy; abuse; alcohol abuse; child health (KPAI, 2013).

From the data above, there are problems that might occur if parents cannot supervise their children. This goes back again to the family communication that occurs in it. If communication in the family is not open then children will be more vulnerable to actions that endanger them. Some parents justify the use of power by assuming that it is quite effective and harmless. But that does not mean that the use of power and authority is not detrimental (Solihin Lianny, 2018). Effective communication in the family is the existence of both father and mother figures who always educate and monitor the behavior patterns of their children, but if one is missing or does not even take part in it, it is certain that the child will fall into a dangerous world.

As a reference for writing, the author sees several articles that discuss the state of family communication with children that have been carried out by several studies, journals and also trusted sources. Where in the source explained about effective communication between parents and children, especially minors. It is clear that the role of parents in the education and development of children is very important, because children are a mandate that Allah swt has entrusted to all parents on this earth who will be held accountable in the hereafter. The rights of parents to children must protect and care for children from all harm and are obliged to always educate them to become good human beings. Then, the rights of parents to their children also make their children pious.

## 2. METHOD

The approach used in this study is a qualitative approach, qualitative research is a research method used to reveal problems (Gunawan, 2013: 80-81). Meanwhile, according to Flick (Gunawan, 2013: 81-82), qualitative research is related to the study of social relations related to the facts of the pluralization of life. This study uses a qualitative approach because it is intended to understand human behavior.

Because this research uses a qualitative approach and includes case study research, the results of this study are descriptive-analytic, namely in the form of written or spoken words from the observed behavior. This study uses qualitative methods so that in this study it does not use a population (Sugiyono, 2013: 215). Determination of the location in this sampling using purposive sampling, which determines the source as the person who knows best (Sugiyono, 2013: 218-219). This research was conducted in Tegallega Village, Rt 01 Rw 17, Lembursitu District, Lembursitu Village, Sukabumi City. With total population as many as: 38,759 people, with the following details: The male population is 11,381 people and the female population is 11,378 people. The Tegallega community has several professions in the field of work such as farm laborers and factory workers. Even working parents, on average, have minors. We consider that this location is strategically representative for conducting research according to the title.

In this study, the informant becomes the main data source, collects data, analyzes and draws conclusions from the informant. Sources of data in this study are words and behaviors obtained from

informants related to the research, then documents or other written sources are additional data. The sources of data in this study are: Families with minors and families who work full time. To obtain information, in this study the object of research is the Effect of Parental Communication on the Growth and Development of Minors. The data collection methods in this study used two methods, namely observation and interviews.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Interviews were conducted using a purposive technique to 6 resource persons who were conducted at the research location with predetermined criteria. The informants who were successfully interviewed intensively with names using initials, namely RA, MM, YT, FT, SR, and AY. Interviews with resource persons with the initials RA, MM, AY were held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021; resource persons with the initials YT, FT, SR will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

Data that were not revealed through interviews, were supplemented with data from direct participatory observations conducted from May to June. All data from this study were described based on the focus of the research questions as follows:

#### **What made you choose to work over home taking care of children?**

Researchers conducted interview techniques to find out what caused respondents to choose to work compared to taking care of children at home.

Resource person RA said that: "I choose to work because I want to help ease my husband's burden and also to increase income for my child's school later". (waw. June 23, 2021)

In line with the opinion of RA, the informant, MM, said the same thing because it was to help her husband. MM's resource person stated: "My husband is just an ojek driver, so it's not enough to pay for my children, especially since one of my children is still in kindergarten and the other is high school, so there are a lot of expenses that have to be spent". (waw. June 23, 2021).

Meanwhile, AY's source stated different things. He explained: "I've been working since before marriage, so it's a shame if I don't have to work anymore, especially now it's hard to find work". (waw. June 23, 2021). Meanwhile, YT FT and SR agreed that they considered this very necessary because it was for their children's school fees and also for their daily living expenses. Based on the results of interviews, it was concluded that parents who choose to work rather than at home are to meet their daily needs as well as economic factors that cause them to work.

#### **Do you pay attention to your child's behavior?**

In this question, all respondents answered that they always pay attention to their children's behavior even though they work from morning to evening. They always chatted and talked even if only briefly to find out their child's behavior. However, the researcher found that there was a child among the respondents who became a smoker and he did not want to tell his parents for the reason of being afraid of being scolded.

So the researcher concludes that some parents do not fully know the behavior of their children and their children do not want to tell their parents about their daily lives.

#### **Do you always control your child's activities?**

All respondents said they always control their children, especially in socializing. One of the MM respondents said "yes, even though we parents work to control our children, especially since my son is in high school, we have to limit a lot, especially now that the association is not as rich as it used to be" (waw. 23 June 2021).

All respondents said the same thing that they always control their children, so the researcher concludes that respondents control their children even though they have to work from morning to evening.

#### **How often have you seen your child cry?**

The resource person RA said that: "Well, at least if I leave my child to go to work, it's just that

my child is still a toddler, still small". (wow. June 23, 2021). In line with the opinion of RA, the informant, AY, said the same thing because it was to help her husband. AY's resource person stated: "My child still doesn't understand if his parents work, they think he's going where he's going, he's 3 years old, right, he still doesn't understand." (wow. June 23, 2021).

Meanwhile, the MM resource person stated different things. He explained: "Not now, I'm already an adult so I understand not to cry anymore". (wow. June 23, 2021). While YT and SR have something in common where their children don't cry in front of them anymore because they already know that they are working. Meanwhile, FT who still have babies sometimes get reports of their children crying from their mothers "yes sometimes they like to cry and ask for milk, it's only been a year, so breastfeeding has to keep going" (waw, 26 June 2021).

Based on the results of these interviews, it can be concluded that respondents who have children in the toddler category still often cry when they are left to work, while respondents who already have children who are not in the toddler category already understand that their parents work.

#### **How often does your child tell you about his daily life?**

Sources for RA, AY, MM said that their children could not tell stories directly, they had to be provoked to tell stories about their daily lives. Meanwhile, YT said that "I don't have enough time, maybe I don't talk often, but my son is already big, so he has a lot of prestige in the story (wow, June 26, 2021).

Based on the results of these interviews, it can be concluded that the respondents lacked interaction with their children as evidenced by the lack of stories about their daily lives.

#### **Do you pay attention to your child's growth and development?**

One of the YT respondents said, "Pay attention, for sure, it's just that when we work more, we meet children when it's best to come home from vacation, so it's a bit difficult, actually, we're just trying to see if our children are sick or not. (Wow, June 26, 2021) .

The researcher tried to summarize the 6 respondents' answers, from all the informants, it can be concluded that all of them do not have more time to pay attention to their child's growth and development, they do not have more time for this, they spend their time working and working, it is difficult for them to pay attention to growing flower their children in detail.

#### **How often do you spend time with your child?**

In the interview, the researcher tried to dig up some information to 6 informants by knowing how close they were to their children.

According to RA, in a week he doesn't have more time to spend with his family and children, while according to Ay, "I can spend time with his children when work is off, you know I'm a daily worker, other than that I can't",

While the 4 resource persons namely MM, YT, FT, and SR said that they have free time and can spend time with their families and children only on work days off. it can be concluded from the 6 respondents, all of them did not have more time for their children, for various reasons.

#### **What impact do you think you have on your child when you are more busy at work?**

They are well aware that with little time together they will have a bad impact, they are busy with work, so that they don't have more time to build their child's character will have an emotional impact on their child, their character is wild, but what can they say.

So it can be concluded that they are well aware of the impact that will be caused, from being busy with work, but they do not have many choices, with the hope that the impact can be minimized by entrusting them to their close family.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

Language as a communication tool is the most effective way to convey thoughts, intentions and goals to the people we communicate with. Language as a means of communication has the main

function of language is that communication is the delivery of messages or meanings by one person to another. The function of language as a means of human communication includes five basic functions, namely the function of expression, the function of information, the function of exploration, the function of persuasion and the function of entertainment. Humans have a very broad realm of life, so it is not uncommon when we talk about the function of language, it also depends a lot on the situation and where the language is used. Humans need language as a means of communication. Language as a communication tool, plays a very important role in human life because with language humans can interact and talk about anything. Based on the way of presentation, language is divided into two facilities, namely facilities with written language and spoken language. Either spoken language or written language, one of its functions is to communicate so that social interactions in society can be established.

Communication in everyday life is very important. Humans cannot avoid various forms of communication because with communication humans can build the relationships they need as social beings. Humans in their lives need communication to be able to establish relationships with other humans and the community environment. Humans can communicate through language.

Communication is used to complete tasks that are important to our needs, here there is an exchange of information needed to complete tasks. Communicating is also to relate to other people, there is an exchange of information about how we relate to other people. For this reason, every human being communicates to obtain and convey information. Communicating will enable humans to respond, compose and express everything that is around him as communication material. In communicating there are two things that are important in responding to something, namely the right language and in accordance with the right conditions. An understanding of the accuracy of the intended response is that there is a harmony of language or the alignment of the meaning of the speech and the response that follows it.

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