



PARENT'S SATISFACTION LEVEL OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

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Aim of the study: To find out parent’s satisfaction level of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Methodology: This paper describes parent’s satisfaction level of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by using descriptive quantitative method design and cross sectional survey. The participants are parents of children with ASD (n=103), within total participant female were 92 and male were 11, and were asked to answer the Beach Center Family Quality of Life (FQOL) questionnaire translated version (Bengali). FQOL was used to assess the parent’s satisfaction level of children with autism spectrum disorder about their family quality of life. In FQOL scale has five domains that rated from highest to lowest family interaction, physical/ material well-being, parenting, disability-related support and emotional well-being in this study.

Result: The result showed about satisfaction rate of parents of children with autism spectrum disorder that most frequent parents of children with ASD were satisfied about their family quality of life in which involves physical/material well-being, emotional well-being, parenting, family interaction and disability related support.

Conclusion: Worldwide increasing the number of autism spectrum disorder bay by day and this situation also same in Bangladesh. Nowadays in Bangladesh ASD is high concerning issue that are progress awareness about ASD, and proposing with new intervention pathway that may increase their quality of life of families. Children with ASD are facing difficulty to participate in home, school, and community's activity for different factors of them. Parents of children with ASD also feel isolation from other for their children. The study conducted with the purpose of finding of parent's satisfaction level of children with autism spectrum disorder. The result of the study showed that most of the participants are satisfied in selected area. In this study the results are showed the level of satisfaction of parents on overall family quality of life (FQOL) where have five dimensions such as disability related support, family interaction, and parenting etc. of children with autism spectrum disorder. So in the study has concluded that the most of the parents of children with ASD were satisfied in their overall family quality of life.

Limitation:

During the conduction study, there has some boundary related to research that are given below-

- i. According to perspective of Bangladesh some selected area of questionnaires was not generalizable for participants.
- ii. Investigator selected few participants that did not represent the whole phenomena.
- iii. Study related article was not available in the context of Bangladesh that was difficult to analysis study.
- iv. Most of the parent could not cooperate with investigator to give their some personal information like monthly family income that was difficult to fill-up the questionnaires' form.
- v. Some parents did not return the questionnaire that was given their home through special school of children with autism. That's why investigator faces challenging to collect data.
- vi. Total participants of this investigation were who lived in urban area.

Recommendation:

Considering the limitation of the study here did focus on the possible recommendation and further studies related to children with autism spectrum disorder is-

- i. A large part of children are suffering from ASD and their family also faces challenging in daily life. That's why government needs to increase awareness program to prevent and control ASD in different area of Bangladesh.
- ii. It would be better to conduct this study broadly with more participants in different area in the context of Bangladesh.
- iii. Further study would be comparative study between parents of typical children and parents of children with ASD.
- iv. In further study it would be study on other condition like Children with cerebral palsy, down syndrome, ADHD etc. and comparison.
- v. Further study would be comparison between participants who live in rural and urban area.

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