

A study on perception about parenting among rural children

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■ **ABSTRACT :** The present study was carried out with the objectives to study the children's perception about their parents' parenting and factors influencing their perception in the year 2012-13. The sample comprised 206 High School children in the age group of 12-15 years, studying in 7th and 8th standards in government High Schools from 3 villages of Dharwad taluk. Children's perception about parenting was assessed using Bharadwaj *et al.* (1998) scale. The results revealed that majority of the children had positive perception towards their parents' parenting. This indicated that parents tend to be accepting, protecting, indulgent, realistic, moralistic and disciplining their children. Further, socio-demographic factors such as age, ordinal position, family size, educational level of the father and socio-economic status of the family had significant influence on children's perception about parenting.

■ **KEY WORDS:** Parenting, Children's perception, Parental attitude, Parenting style

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