## **ABSTRACT**

The family is one of the important roles in the environment of daily life, and is an environment, in the family there are parents and children. When parents have reached old age, and their children have a new life, surely parents will have both psychological and biological setbacks as well as loss of intact family in the home. Many elderly people are entrusted or live in social institutions, some even have no home or place to live and are abandoned. Despite the fact that there are several factors for the elderly who live in social institutions, either the elderly themselves ask to live in the orphanage, or entrusted with their families. In this study, using qualitative research methods. This qualitative research was chosen for the purpose of finding and describing the meaning of the word family to the elderly who are in social care institutions tresna werdha Budi Pertiwi. These findings make a valuable contribution to the understanding of intrapersonal communication in the elderly in nursing homes and have far-reaching implications in improving their quality of life through a more holistic and caring approach to these aspects so that, This research helps bring the meaning of family and intrapersonal communication closer to a broader context.

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