

## ABSTRACT

*This research focuses on the interpersonal communication of single parent fathers to children, so the formulation of the problem to be raised is how interpersonal communication between single parent fathers and their children. The purpose of this study is to explore in depth the interpersonal communication that occurs between single parent fathers and children. This research uses a qualitative descriptive approach, qualitative methods are used to investigate natural object situations. The researcher acts as the main instrument, with data collection techniques through triangulation. The results of this study show that openness in communication involves chatting and sharing stories, although it is sometimes hampered by the father's lack of closeness or new marriage. Empathic father understand children's emotions, give advice, and create a positive atmosphere. Equality in communication can be seen from freedom of opinion, involvement in decision-making, and joint discussion in solving problems. The researcher concluded that single parent father's interpersonal communication with their children includes five aspects: openness, empathy, supportive attitude, positive attitude, and equality. Openness is essential for healthy relationships, enabling understanding and emotional support. Empathy strengthens emotional bonds. Supportive attitude involves emotional support and freedom. A positive attitude creates an atmosphere of optimism and mutual respect. Equality is important for shared decision-making and valuing the child's opinion. Despite barriers, paternal commitment can promote effective communication and a close relationship.*

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