ABSTRACT

Single parent is a social phenomenon that presents a dual role in the family. Where single mothers will automatically take on the role of father in the family with the phenomenon of the increasing number of single parent mothers in Cimahi City which reaches 1500 cases per year with an average of 100 cases every month, poses a big challenge in interpersonal communication patterns and the development of adolescents who are fostered by single mothers. This study aims to describe the interpersonal communication of single parent mothers towards adolescents in Cimahi City. This research uses qualitative methodology and case study approach. Interpersonal Communication Theory became the basis of analysis with a focus on indicators of openness, empathy, support, positive attitude, and equality. The results showed that effective interpersonal communication from single parent mothers plays a crucial role in maintaining family harmony, shaping adolescent identity, and helping them deal with the dynamics of divorce. However, economic challenges and the burden of multiple roles often hinder the optimization of communication. This study suggests that single parent mothers receive psychosocial support and communication training, and encourages further research related to communication strategies to strengthen the role of single mothers in fostering adolescents in urban environments.

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