

Personality Profiles of Children of Working and Non-Working Mothers – A Comparative Study

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Abstract

The present study explored the difference between children of working and non-working mothers on personality profiles. A sample of 800 students of working and non-working mothers (400 children of working mothers and 400 children of non-working mothers) were randomly selected from the elementary schools of two districts Srinagar and Shopian of Kashmir valley. The sample subjects comprised 8th class students within an age range of 13 -14 years. Catell's high school personality questionnaire (HSPQ) was used to measure the personality profiles of children of working and non-working mothers. The data were analyzed by using mean, S.D. and t-value. The result indicated that children of working mothers were found as out-going, emotionally less stable, over-active, assertive, happy go-lucky, have low superego strength, adventurous, tough minded, internally restrained, insecure, self-sufficient, un-controlled, tense and reverse is true for children of non-working mothers.

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Introduction

Adolescence is regarded as the most important stage of life, in which many psychological changes occur. It needs intensive care and guidance from the part of parents, especially mothers. Maternal employment puts psychological effect on mothers, who find it difficult to engage supportive interaction with children. It is generally assumed that working mothers are unable to provide full time child care to their children. Besides taking care of the daily needs, working mothers have to perform the job and spend their most of the time as employees of any institute or company. These mothers are required to play a dual role, one as mother and housewife and other as an employee. This dual role