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At the beginning of this paper, the contextual model will be investigated which is parenting style, furthermore, this paper will be discussing the key findings of parenting by Spicer, Kitchick, and Forehand. Lastly, this paper will include a discussion about the impacts of the context on a family.

# Contextual Model of Parenting Styles

The Contextual Model of parenting styles was one of the influential models by Baumrind that suggested important parenting styles. Over the years, parenting styles and patterns have been criticized because of the authoritative behaviors of parents who consider it as a contribution to the development. Baurmrind and his team members described the concepts of authoritative parenting and the variations in the detrimental and constructive styles of the parental assertion of power.

## Contextual Model of Parenting and Family Patterns of Interaction

This model includes all of the segments in the development of the child and shaping of their behavioral patterns. Family decision-making keeps on changing with the time and situation, and the autonomy of decision-making makes an impact on the perceptions of children and adolescents. Based on the outcomes in the research by Smetana showed that, family interactions and both parenting contribute to better performances by a child in academics.

### Culture

In general terms, culture is defined as the different ways of living a life by individuals in society (Harkness & Super, 1995). This contributes to the development of all members of society and communities. In the context of parenting and children, the cultural background of a child contributes to success and failure in the different stages of life (Power, 2013). While upbringing of children varies from culture to culture and this is the object for the transmission of different patterns of cultures by the children.

### Cultural Diversity

Diversity in cultures makes an impact on the parenting styles and development of children, however, it is not possible to define parenting based on different cultures. Cultural diversity makes a positive impact on parenting styles as they learn to develop child-care strategic planning (Yeh et al., 2010). Moreover, cultural diversity helps to proceed with the socialization processes and helps to transform.

### Multidimensional Perspective

Parenting styles are influenced by different cultural patterns in the process of the development of a child, for example, the Asian cultures are different from the western patterns of lifestyle; Asian parents are more authoritative, while Western parents are not that much (Kim et al., 2017). With the change in time and technology, parenting styles have changed and the trending parenting styles have been more influential in the development of children (Power, 2013).

In comparison with the structural and intergenerational models, this model helps to create a better understanding of family influences in the development of children and their academics (Yeh et al., 2010). More specifically, it emphasizes the family status and impacts of parenting styles and the development of children. This model helps to enhance the socialization processes during the early stages of development by allowing a child to interact with others. Furthermore, the model helps to understand the coercive and constructive styles of parenting.

# Cultural Influences in Parenting by Spicer

Cultures are defined as the collective and shared patterns of living a life by individuals, furthermore, this includes shaping of expectations and hopes by the parents for their children. In the context of the article, cultural patterns include the understanding of different messages by children, which they receive from their parents and families. This paper by Spicer is based on the survey, which examined the impact of ethnic and racial differences on the belief systems of parenting, considerations of developmental achievements, hopes for school willingness, and influences on parenting styles.

## Key Findings by Spicer

A study by the Spicer suggests four main key findings of the cultural influences on parenting styles.

### Relativity of Development

It is important to engage both children and their parents in the cultivation of skills to ensure the skill development of children to lead their lives based on their expectations (Spicer, 2010). This key finding by Spicer is about the cognitive and emotional development of children with the help of skill development.

### Caregiving and Parenting

This finding suggests that a huge population of parents rely on and expect others to look after their children and this results in better understandings of responsibilities by the infants. While parenting along with adjustments with the work-life of parents has become a global norm and this is accepted by each of us.

### Health and Security

More interest in the development of children and parenting results in a better understanding of things and varying environments. Parents engaged in the development and are more concerned about the health and security of their children help them to prevent any kind of injuries(Spicer, 2010). However, a lack of inputs on the emotional development results in the slower processing of emotional development.

### Interdependence and Independence

The key finding regarding this suggests that better development of a child in the early stages of life will be beneficial for improved engagements in the community and dialogue keepings. While these engagements in dialogues and community help children in achieving their goals and objectives of their life.

## Findings and Parenting and Contextual Model of Parenting Styles

Parenting is important in the development of a child, while a lack of interest in care provisions and relying behaviors of parents on others may influence children negatively (Darling & Steinberg, 1993). This may result in emotional instability and insecurities among children. For the skill and cognitive development of children, engaging parents in their parenting can be beneficial, and children may be able to live their life based on their expectations (Spicer, 2010).

# Determinants of Parenting by Kotchick and Forehand

Parenting has been an integral contribution in the development of children however there are the factors that contribute to shaping parenting styles. Parenting is influenced by the socio-economic, culture, and neighborhood, which can be concluded as the three contextual factors (Kotchick & Forehand, 2002).

## Determinants of Parenting

Kitchick and Forehand suggest about the different parenting styles, which are the sources that contribute to the development of their children. Years back parenting styles varied, but parental personalities influenced the developmental processes and parenting styles. Aggressive behaviors resulted in abusive parenting and psychological imbalances in children (Kotchick & Forehand, 2002). Moreover, the lack of financial resources also determines the parenting style, parental relationships, and health.

### **Ethnicity and parenting**

This is considered in the social contexts, while this suggests the broader engagements on the awareness by the parent with the help of dialogues and socialization processes

### Poverty and parenting

The financial status of both parents and family makes a huge impact on a child, for example, if a child’s family, financial status is not good, then, this may result in aggressiveness and deviant behavioral patterns (Kotchick & Forehand, 2002).

### Neighborhood and parenting

Quality parenting strategies are the result of a good neighborhood and they help parents to be effective by helping them for regulating activities of their children.

# Impact of Contextual Model of Parenting Styles

## Contextual Factors and Family of Origin

The basic concept that has been presented suggests that the main responsibility of parents is to fulfill the needs of their children but this has to consider as limit and demand a developed behavior. Furthermore, family interaction is important for both teenagers and children within the contexts of cultures and developmental stages. I have started my own family in which, as a parent, I will be taking care of my children so that, they will lead their own life according to their objectives and goals

## Parenting Styles and Family Interactions

After understanding the parenting styles, the abrasive style of parenting style has been changed, and the orientation towards the concept of having only boy has changed because of the equality patterns in the parenting styles. Diverse parenting has made a positive impact on parenting as a result, my family has started to interact with other people belonging to different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The neighborhood is important is the continuity of healthy activities and the socioeconomic status of the family plays a vital role in the academic performances and emotional development of children (Spera, 2005).

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