

The Exploration of the Sources of Parenting Beliefs in Taiwan

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Abstract. This study aims to explore the different sources of parenting of preschool parents in Taiwan; and whether this parenting source varies due to the parent's background. 18,972 young preschoolers from Taiwan were selected as research subjects. With an approximate of 0.5% random selection, 949 young children were selected, and 709 valid questionnaires were retrieved; with a valid retrieved proportion of 76.2%. The outcomes were concluded as follows: (1) The parenting sources of preschool parents are categorized as friends, education professionals or books, newspaper or broadcast TV, and life experience or other influences. Among these factors, life experience or other influences plays as the most significant factor. (2) There is a significant difference in areas within Taiwan, comparing with fathers, mothers emphasizes more on "friends" and education professionals". The parents younger than 34 years old emphasize more on newspaper or broadcast TV" and "life experience or others influences", in comparison to the parents older than 45 years old. (3) The higher the parents' education degree, the more emphasis on none "education professionals or books", and "life experience or others influence". In conclusion, the outcomes are further discussed as reference for academia and suggestions for future research are also proposed.