

ABSTRACT

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Coping mothers as a single parent toward problems in parenting children with abnormalities in autism; (Henny E. Wirawan, M. Hum, Psi.); Bachelor Degree in Psychology, Tarumanagara University. (82 pages, P1-P4).

Autism is an abnormality in children development which can be seen from anomalies behaviors as well as failures in social interaction and communication. The aim of this research is to know how a mother as a single parent handles the parenting problems in raising her child who has autism. The subjects are 4 mothers aged 30-37 years old who got a child with autism problem. All data is gathered through interviews during September 2006 until April 2007. From subjects' testimonials, aside from the inhibition in their own household which caused problems in parenting and education issues, they are also having problems in financial sector because the cost of therapies and medicines needed are so expensive. The subjects generally solve the problems with emotionality-focused coping especially in religious approach and accepting responsibility, problem-focused coping especially in a planfull problem solving, and they also solve them with emotion-focused coping and problem-focused coping which is a seeking social support.