

SINGLE FATHER-DAUGHTER COMMUNICATION

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SELECTED SINGLE FATHERS IN COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR
DAUGHTER IN CAVITE**

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Abstract

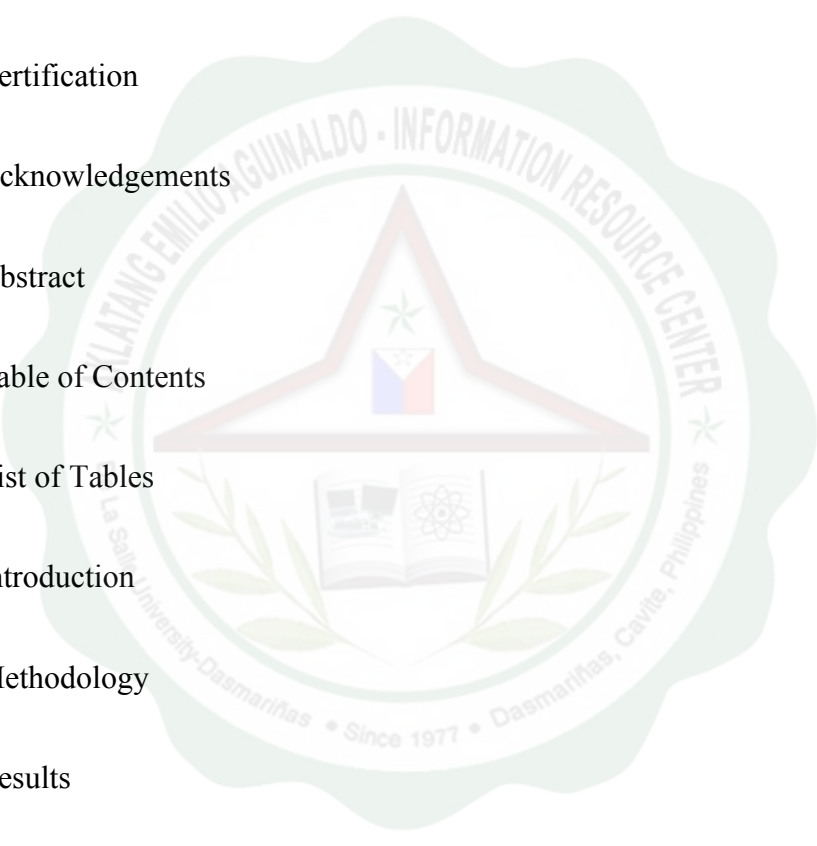
Single fathers who ended raising their respective child alone also play the role of the mother. They are known as the "modern day fathers" who come in various – either single, separated, gay, adoptive or widower. As "modern day fathers," the communication styles and communication patterns used by the single fathers with their respective daughter vary when it comes to her physical changes, studies, and relationship with peers and opposite sex, and even in handling their interpersonal relationship that may result in misunderstandings. The researchers aimed to answer the question, "How do single fathers communicate with their respective daughter?" Six single fathers in Cavite were interviewed to determine their frequency of interaction; degree of openness; communication styles and communication patterns used in addressing the daughter's physical changes, studies, and relationship with peers and opposite sex and in handling interpersonal relationship that may result in misunderstandings. Data gathered was then analyzed through the use of two supporting theories: Social Penetration Theory and Relational Dialectics, ascertained that single fathers in Cavite used different communication patterns in handling these issues. Most single fathers used Unbalanced Split pattern in deciding matters of their respective daughter's concern with her physical changes; most single fathers used Equality in deciding matters of their daughter's concern with her studies; most single fathers used Unbalanced Split and Equality in deciding matters of their daughter's concerns with her peers; most single fathers used Monopoly in deciding matters of their daughter's concerns with her relationship with the opposite sex; and most single fathers used Equality in deciding when they have a misunderstanding with their daughter.

Key Words: Single father, daughter, communication style, communication pattern

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