

ABSTRACT

Title of Research: **LIVED EXPERIENCES OF MILITARY FATHERS WITH OPENLY GAY CHILDREN**
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This study tried to determine the lived experiences of military fathers with openly gay children, their perception and process of acceptance and adaptation towards their son's sexual orientation. This research study can be beneficial by providing interventions and programs with the students especially the children of military fathers, LGBT students and to extend awareness in the different issues encounter of the students/children today and to provide with accurate and relevant information in their growth and development.

The researcher employed qualitative research method. Through phenomenological study provide better perspective of the lived experience of the military fathers with openly gay children, which is essential for effective planning of a guidance program for them. The study composed of five (5) military fathers with openly gay children resides at Sangley point Cavite City.

The lived experiences of military fathers with openly gay children were described into three parts: Psychological, Social, and Emotional. It's been

presented that all participants have been already accept the sexual orientation of their children. However, it is still possible that not all the military fathers have the same disposition as them.

The study concludes that being a father is not measured through profession, and not all military fathers are open to accept the idea of homosexuality. The study revealed that regardless if its military or civilian father, the true value of being father is based on how they accept and support their openly gay son.

