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Abstract

Communication is significant in a relationship – especially between a parent and a child. The study focused on the communication strategies of a parent with an LGBT child. In addition, the study determined the topics talked about and the depth of the conversation. Habermas' Communicative Action and Altman's Social Penetration Theory as well as Ashley John's Communication Strategies were used in the study. Participants were determined through purposive sampling technique. Sixteen cases (eight parents and their children) were interviewed. Verbal Communication Strategy is the most preferred medium whenever parents communicate with their LGBT children engaged in a relationship. Face-to-face communication remains the most effective way of communicating.

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