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A Case Study

Father- child - interaction with their pre-school children

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Although the importance of father's influence in child development is now generally accepted, we actually know very little about Father – Child – Interaction (F – C – I). This study aims to study Father – Child – Interaction with their pre-school children under natural conditions of home in middle class families. For the present study Belsky scale (1997) of F – C – I was used to study F – C – I in 120 Indian families. Results reveal that majority of the fathers were involved in teaching, disciplining and socialization when compared to attending to the physical needs and play activities of the child during one hour home observation studies.

■ **KEY WORDS:** Father child interaction, Care taking, Playing, Teaching, Disciplining, Socialization

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