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THE LEVEL OF FEAR AND ANGER AMONG ADOLESCENTS AND THE BEHAVIOR OF THEIR MOTHERS

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The analysis of literature devoted to parental behavior clearly demonstrates its visible influence on child's personality, his or her functions on different steps of growth and eventually their adult years - in family and professional life. These consequences concern the kind of parent's behavior, as well as her absence in child's educational process. (Ziemska, 1973; Plopa, 1987; Rostowska, 2002). The aim of conducted research was to show differences between adolescents from complete and un-complete families in the area of: the perception of parents' behavior, the level of fear, the level of expressed and unexpressed anger. The research has included the group of 126 girls and boys. The following questions have been asked:1. Do the adolescents from complete families differ from those from un-complete ones?2. Do there appear any significant differences in fear level amongst the adolescents from both groups?3. Are the expressed and unexpressed anger levels different in both groups?4. What connections are there between the researched categories of parents' behavior and the adolescents' fear level or anger form and level ?In the research have been used The Scale of Parental Behavior by M. Plopa, The Inventory of Type and Fear Features (C. Spielberger, J. Strelau, Tysarczyk, K. Wrześniewski), The Scale of Anger Expression by N. Ogińska - Bulik and Z. Juczyński and finally, the personal questionnaire. The research has proven, that in the case of adolescents from un-complete families the acceptant and non-consequent behavior has significant influence on the adolescents' fear level. On the other side the acceptant, demanding and non-consequent behavior is proved to increase the expressed anger. Both reactions - fear and anger seem to be strictly connected with the adolescents' gender. In the area of the level of researched emotions no significant differences between both kind of families have been proved.