

Abstract

Parental reaction to adolescent's emotion work as one of direct and specific parental socialization practice play an important role on adolescent's social emotional adjustment. Little is known about the relation of parental reaction on both positive and negative emotion with adolescent adjustment in Chinese context. The current research filled in the research gap. It tested how supportive, non-supportive, validating, invalidating parental reaction on adolescent's positive and negative would relate with their social emotional adjustment. Seventy seventh-graders (male; mean age =13.05 years) participated. Adolescents reported on their perceived paternal and maternal reactions to both their positive and negative emotion and social emotional adjustment. Significant association was found between maternal supportive reaction, parental non-supportive reaction, and parental validating reaction with adolescent social emotion adjustment. These findings highlight the importance of parental supportive and validating reaction, which predict adolescent's better social emotional adjustment.