

Abstract

This study compares the associations among of adolescents' perceived maternal socialization goals (filial piety, and self-development), perceived maternal reactions to adolescents' negative emotions (supportive and unsupportive) and adolescents' socioemotional functioning (internalizing problems, and externalizing problems). The mediation processes in which adolescents' perceived maternal socialization goals related to adolescents' socioemotional functioning through perceived maternal reactions to adolescents' negative emotions in Chinese culture are examined. Participants were 301 sixth- and seventh-grade students (144 females, mean age=12.21). Adolescents completed scales for testing perceived maternal socialization goals, perceived maternal reactions to their negative emotions, and their socioemotional functioning. Results indicated that both of the maternal socialization goals were associated negatively with adolescents' externalizing problems, while self-development socialization goals were associated with internalizing problems negatively, and filial piety socialization goals were positively associated with internalizing problems but only with indirect effect. Mediation results showed that