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Factors of Child-rearing Practices: A Qualitative Analysis

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ABSTRACT This article is an attempt to identify the different factors that determine the child-rearing practices of parents. Rather than a single broad factor, the authors try to view child-rearing as constituting of different factors that together determine how children are brought up by their parents. Qualitative techniques like introspection, observation, interviewing and meta analysis are done. The different factors that are identified include Acceptance, Punishment, Protectiveness, Responsibility, Responsiveness, Reward, Understanding, Non-critical, Permissiveness, Encouragement, Rapport, Emotional Stability, and Patience. This multi-factor approach to child-rearing would throw light upon the different aspects of parenting, and also help parents and prospective parents to concentrate on those aspects which need improvement on their part. It is also helpful for trainers and psychologists to impart training and knowledge to parents for improvement in their parenting skills.