

Parents' Perception of the Adolescents' Attitudes towards Premarital Sex

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ABSTRACT The study was aimed to identify the parents' view and perceptions of their adolescents' attitude towards premarital sex. Two research questions and two hypotheses were formulated. The instrument used for data collection was a questionnaire for the adolescents' attitudes towards premarital sex (AATPSQ). The statistical analyses used were means and standard deviations for the research questions and a t-test for the hypotheses. The findings, among others, revealed that the male adult parents have no less than 21 permissive attitudes towards adolescents' premarital sex, while their female counterparts have 14 permissive attitudes toward premarital sex. Gender has a significant influence on the adult parents' views on the adolescents' attitude towards premarital sex. It was however recommended among others that the State Education Commission should work in collaboration with the curriculum designers to plan how best the adolescents in schools could be helped with sex and sex-related matters.