

Parenting Style and Control Practices in Hisar

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ABSTRACT To explore parenting style and control practices, 178 mothers and 149 fathers of 4 to 6 years old children were interviewed. The results indicated parent gender and sex of child differences in parental control practices. Compared to mothers, fathers were more firm and lax in their control. Mothers on the other hand, observed more harsh control. Parents used more firm and harsh control with their sons than daughters. Compared to less educated parents, more educated parents were more likely to use firm control and were less likely to use harsh and lax control. More educated parents had higher expectations for mature behaviour. With increase in children's age harsh control increased and lax control decreased. Also with increase in children's age, expectations for mature behavior increased.