

ABSTRACT

PARENTAL PERCEPTIONS OF THE PARENTING PARTNERS PROGRAM

Parent skills training can benefit both parents and their children whether they are typically developing or they have conduct, oppositional defiant, or attention deficit hyperactivity disorders. The optimistic effects on parents' self-confidence and attitude as well as increasing the child's compliance is manifested through a 7-week parenting skills class entitled *Parenting Partners: Practical Tools for Positive Success*. Other skills presented are creating confidence in children, opening communication, child boundaries and behaviors, discipline, and what children need for success. The results of the research questions asked in this study indicated that parents reported improvements in their children's school attendance, academic performance, and positive behaviors. Parents also reported improvement in their confidence in their own discipline practices with their children. All results were statistically significant at the .01 level. Thus, at least from the parents' perspective, the Parenting Partners program proved effective.

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