

ABSTRACT

This bachelor thesis deals with partner relationships of parents of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The theoretical part of the thesis defines ASD, the historical development of ASD and the view of the disorder, then it describes the characteristics of ASD. In the following, second chapter of the thesis, the terms family and partner relationship are defined. Furthermore, the thesis deals with the effects of ASD on parents and their relationship, in addition to the effects on intact siblings and the support that families with children with ASD can use. The empirical part of the thesis describes the whole process of research. The method of thematic analysis was used. The third chapter presents research goals and questions, research methodology and characterizes the research sample. The fourth chapter deals with themes and subthemes created within the thematic analysis. The following discussion concerns with the results of the research.

KEYWORDS

autism spectrum disorder (ASD), parents of child with ASD, partner relationship, family