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## Abstract

This study determined the maternal parenting styles of mothers of the three (3) largest Barangays of San Fernando City, La Union and their child's temperament.

The descriptive method of research was used in this study. A questionnaire was utilized as the main data gathering instrument. The respondents of the study were 76 mothers, and three (3) pre-school teachers in the three largest barangays of San Fernando. Frequency count, percentages, weighted mean and Pearson-r were used as statistical tools to treat the data.

The salient findings of the study are as follows: (1) the extent of parenting practices engaged by mothers along authoritative is very often practiced, authoritarian is often practiced, and seldom practiced along permissive and uninvolved; (2) the preferred parenting style of mothers in the three largest Pre-Schools Center in the City of San Fernando, La Union is authoritative; (3) the manifestation of the children's temperament along the nine indicators is high; and (4) there is a significant relationship between authoritative parenting styles and their children's temperament while there is no significant relationship between authoritarian, permissive, and uninvolved and their children's temperament.

The study concluded that the mothers of San Fernando City exhibited varied parenting practices based on the parenting style. Moreover, the authoritative parenting style is the most preferred by mothers. The different temperaments are highly manifested by children and finally,

Based on the findings of the study, parenting guidelines of mothers are proposed.