

Abstract

One hundred and thirty two preschoolers and their mothers participated in the present study. Strong correlational relationships among maternal emotional reactivity, emotional functioning, socialization of moral affect and children's emotional competence were demonstrated in the study. In addition, some aspects of maternal emotional functioning were strongly correlated to children's emotional competence than the others in the study. Further studies were suggested to investigate the causal relationship among parental emotional reactivity, emotional functioning, socialization of moral affect and children's emotional competence, possible influences of parental emotional functioning and socialization of moral affect on child's emotional development, and specific aspects of maternal emotional functioning related to children's emotional competence development.