Background: Parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) because of their own psychiatric disorders and behavioral problems of their children may have different parenting attitudes.

Objective: This study is carried out to assess parenting attitude in mothers of children with ADHD and its relationship with some factors.

Methods: The research committee of Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences approved this descriptive study. Fifty mothers of children with ADHD who referred to psychiatric outpatient clinics of Ahvaz Golestan hospital in 2012 and expressed their consent completed the questionnaires. A child and adolescent psychiatrist diagnosed ADHD by interview based on DSM-IV. Demographic data and parenting attitude survey were used. P value ≤0.05 was assumed as significant relationship.

Results: The score of different attitudes were 29.45±5.71 for authoritarian, 29.13±6.08 for permissive and 27.8±5.8 for severe dependency. Mothers with elementary school educational level had fewer severe dependency attitude than higher educational level mothers (P=0.017). Severe dependency and authoritarian attitude were not related to mother’s job, but permissive attitude was significantly higher in members of staff than the others (P=0.043).

Conclusion: In accordance with higher levels of authoritarian and permissive attitude in mothers of children with ADHD, they may use more limitation and rigor and less inflection and appropriate reward or punishment and adequate discipline in their parenting styles. This is considerable in parent management training.

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