

## IMPACT OF INTERVENTION PROGRAM ON FUNCTIONAL SKILLS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE LIFE SATISFACTION OF THEIR PARENTS

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The objective of the research was to study the functional skills of children with autism and to assess its impact on their parent's life satisfaction through an intervention study. The samples consisted of 120 parents of children with autism between 5 and 10 years of age. The data was collected from various special schools within the Bangalore city through purposive sampling technique using self-structured scales. The quasi-experimental study with pre-test and post-test method was employed for the study. The pre-test data for both experimental and control groups indicated that children with autism lacked functional skills and their parents also had low life satisfaction. The results of post-test data for the experimental group found that there was a significant improvement in the functional skills and life satisfaction thus indicating that the intervention program was effective.*

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