

**Anger, Anxiety and Depression in Children with Autism in Home and School Settings: A Qualitative Analysis**

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Autism is the most common developmental disorder but also the least understood. It is characterized by communication and interpersonal deficits, ritualistic behavior and difficulty in emotional expression. This study was carried out to assess whether children with autism displayed identifiable expressions of anger, anxiety and depression in school and home settings. A comparison of their levels was also made. A qualitative research design was chosen for this study. The teachers and parents of 7 children with autism were interviewed and then analyzed using Thematic Analysis. The results showed that anger, anxiety and depression are expressed by children with autism from time to time but anger was the most frequently reported. Differences in expression and duration of anger, anxiety and depression were also analyzed.

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