

African American Parents' Knowledge of ADHD

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Synopsis:

This is a dissertation project that will examine knowledge of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) among African-American parents whose children have this diagnosis. The primary objectives are to conduct interviews to determine the level of knowledge parents have about the disorder, and to ascertain whether parents use this knowledge to obtain services for their children. There is limited information about the level of knowledge about ADHD among those affected by the disorder, or about cultural and ethnic variations in knowledge level, which indicates the need for research regarding these issues. It is hoped that this study will provide some insight into the lives of African-American parents of ADHD children, gain a better understanding of their needs, and determine how best to assist such parents. In doing so, more effective interventions can be developed with this population in mind.