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The Role Of Fatherhood In Forming a Child's Identity

1- Executive Director, Dr. Sharifa Noaman AL – Emadi's Message

Dear Readers,

Fatherhood is one of the fundamental pillars upon which families are built. It is considered one of the most crucial social roles that deeply influences the formation and development of a child's personality. Fatherhood encompasses emotional, guidance, and educational roles that a father plays in his child's life.

Fatherhood presents an experience and a challenge for both parents in transmitting traditions, values, and guiding children through various stages of their lives. Typically, fathers represent the support system standing alongside their children, guiding them and sharing in their journey of self-discovery and exploration of life. The paternal role symbolizes the presence of protection and support, forming a strong foundation for individual growth within society.

What distinguishes fatherhood is its diversity and its ability to adapt to changes in time and place. Fathering styles vary, as do the challenges faced across different cultures and social circumstances. Nonetheless, the ultimate goal remains to build families based on love and respect, providing a healthy environment that enables children to realize their potential and develop their identity.

Fathers play a significant role in parental education programs aimed at changing caregivers' interaction styles with children to provide more suitable care and support for them, thus promoting family values.

Through a study conducted by the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development on "Parenting Programs in the Arab World," it was revealed that father participation in parenting programs was low, with attendance, participation, and interaction primarily limited to mothers. Therefore, to enhance the positive role



of fathers in their children's lives, it is essential to broaden parental involvement in parenting programs to include fathers as well as mothers. Fatherhood embodies significant and inspiring responsibility in shaping the future generations. Fathers pass on their experiences and wisdom to their children, contributing to the establishment of a society grounded in values and strong family communication.

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2-International Studies

The Role of Family Education in Improving Religion and Moral Values in Early Childhood

This study examines the impact of a family education program on enhancing moral and religious values in children at Hamizan Lubuklinggau Kindergarten. Utilizing a qualitative approach with observations, documentation, and interviews, the analysis revealed that family education serves as a promoter, inspirer, motivator, guide, and role model in children's development, despite challenges such as limited interaction time and the influence of technology and peers. The findings underscore the program's significant contribution to children's values, emphasizing the need to address challenges for sustained effectiveness.

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The Role of Families in Cultivating Children's Personality Values: An Analysis of Social Psychology Education

Conducted in Kediri from January 2019 to March 2020 with 300 informants, this study aimed to analyze the family's role in cultivating values for children and its impact on attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. Utilizing a combination of survey and qualitative research methods, the research also aimed to assess the role of value education in reducing stress levels. The findings highlight that successful value cultivation, extending beyond parents to other adults like grandparents, contributes to improved family welfare, enhanced attitudes in children, increased self-confidence, and better stress coping mechanisms through internalized positive values.

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The Role of Father in Instilling Moral Values in Children Aged 4 – 5 Years

This research, conducted in Bonjol Village, sheds light on the often overlooked role of fathers, extending beyond being providers to emphasizing the importance of instilling religious and moral values in children. Utilizing qualitative methods, including interviews, observation, and documentation, the study concludes that fathers play crucial roles as teachers and role models in imparting moral values. Challenges exist in the protective role, where anger and direct media are sometimes utilized. Overall, the findings underscore the varied role of fathers in shaping early childhood morals beyond the traditional provider role.

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The Parental Language Policy on Children's Language Acquisition: A Case of International Family

This study investigates second language acquisition (SLA) in toddlers from mixed-marriage families, focusing on the influence of parental literacy, family occupation, and cultural adaptation. The findings highlight that these factors positively impact family language policy (FLP) and contribute to children's SLA.

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3-Regional Studies

Moral Values Gained from the Family and Society and their Relations to the Psychological and Social Stability of the Adolescents

The research aims to study moral values gained from the family, school, and media, examining their correlation with the psychological and social stability of adolescents. The study involved 450 secondary-stage students, revealing differences in moral values based on the type of education and positive relationships between these values and psychological and social stability.

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A Theoretical Approach to Autism Disorder and the Family

This research discusses the very important topic of autistic children and their families, addressing the reality of trauma and the necessity of support. Its significance lies in understanding autism in special education, especially considering that parents are the first to experience this shock, progressing through stages of denial to eventually accepting their autistic child and seeking educational and therapeutic programs for them. The study emphasized that the family should play a pivotal role in facilitating the integration of their autistic child into society.

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A United Nations study reveals a positive shift towards extending paternity leave in five Arab countries

The study conducted by UN Women underscores the positive perception of decision-makers in the Arab region towards paternity leave and the active involvement of men in childcare. Covering 1,154 decisions from governments, the private sector, and civil society in five Arab countries, the study indicates 86% support for extending paternity leave. The report recommends raising awareness of the benefits of men participating in childcare, improving workplace childcare services, and expanding paternity leave.

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Methods of instilling values according to the stages of development in children from an “Islamic educational perspective”

The study aims to identify key methods for instilling values in children, emphasizing the use of appropriate methods and values according to different stages of growth. It highlights the crucial role of educational institutions, such as family and school, in selecting and implanting suitable methods based on the children's age-related stages of development. The study emphasizes the importance of integrating efforts across all institutions to ensure the effectiveness of instilling values and translating them into beneficial behaviors.

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4-Local News

QF's Ability Friendly participants enjoy AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023

The sensory room at the Education City Stadium in one of the stadium's sky boxes offered guests with sensory needs, particularly autism spectrum disorder (ASD), the chance to watch live football in a space that aims to alleviate any anxiety they may feel while attending a large-scale event. This initiative was part of Qatar's efforts to establish a legacy for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, continuing to meet the needs of individuals with diverse abilities.

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5- DIFI News

The Doha International Family Institute is presenting a working paper on “Mechanisms for Enhancing Social Competence in Families to Address Drug Addiction”

The Doha International Family Institute participated in the regional seminar under the patronage of Her Excellency, the Minister of Social Development and Family, titled “Enhancing Social Competence in the Family System to Address Behavioral Deviations and Drug Addiction.” Continuing the discussion on drug addiction, Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al-Emadi, Executive Director of DIFI, participated as a keynote speaker presenting a working paper in the panel discussion on “Mechanisms for Enhancing Social Competence in Families to Address Drug Addiction.”

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Doha International Family Institute participates in the Geneva conference under the title “Global Initiatives to Support Parents”

Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al-Emadi, executive director of DIFI, called for the need to conduct specific studies to evaluate the impact of parenting programs in the Arab region during her participation in the conference that was held in Geneva under the theme “Global Initiatives to Support Parents,” organized by the World Health Organization.

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A dialogue session on "Building a Supportive Environment: Enhancing Trust and Communication with Children and Adolescents" was organized by DIFI

As part of the celebrations for the International Day of Education, the Doha International Institute for Family organized a dialogue session on "Building a Supportive Environment: Enhancing Trust and Communication with Children and Adolescents." The session involved the participation of a group of specialized professors.

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The Doha International Family Institute welcomed the first batch of the “Bahith”



The Doha International Family Institute welcomed the first batch of the “Bahith” program for research and development skills in cooperation with the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau at DIFI headquarters.

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On the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family: a side event entitled “Navigating the Digital Landscape: Fostering Resilient Families in a Transforming World”



The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the UN, in partnership with the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), organized a side event on the sidelines of the 62nd session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, under the theme “Navigating the Digital Landscape: Fostering Resilient Families in a Transforming World ”, in preparation for the conference commemorating the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family in October 2024, in Doha.

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7- Spotlight

DIFI invites you to take part in shaping the discussion on building new frameworks for “Family and Contemporary Megatrends”, in Doha, Qatar from October 29-31st, 2024.

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