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Abstract

This paper reports the results of a Hong Kong study (no. of parents = 121), which identified the perceived social support (PSS), both the overall and the four types of support, of Chinese parents of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder from five sources of support and examined the impact of PSS on the interrelationship between the ADHD symptoms and parenting stress. The parents perceived support of their primary social network more satisfactory than professionals'. Parenting stress of the high PSS group was lower than the low PSS group’s. The PSS-overall, parenting role and the ADHD symptoms explained a significant variance of parenting stress. The results point the way to develop a complex social work model in helping.