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ABSTRACT

Eighty-two parent-residents living within the premises of the Adventist University of the Philippines, Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite were surveyed to find out how they talk about reproductive health within the family, premised on the Family Communication Pattern Theory (McLeod & Chafee, 1972), the study determined the nature of family communication of Seventh Day Adventist families in terms of cohesion and conversation levels. It also determined the socio-demographic profile of respondents, analyzed how reproductive health was discussed in the family; assessed what topics were discussed under reproductive health; and determined reasons why they discuss reproductive health. Results showed that family-respondents have children between 15-20 years old, the life stage where adolescents experience various physical and emotional changes; belonged to Generation X; and follow an 8-5 job. Both parents carry out decision-making in the home with regard to reproductive health issues. An open communication environment to talk about reproductive health issues. An open communication environment to talk about reproductive health issues using a casual objective approach was found effective for teenagers to open up to their parents. Proper timing and current issues are anchors to start a reproductive health conversation leading to a more transparent and communicative learning families. Having an open mind of both parents and children can lead to healthier discussions and implied getting children away from dangers of teenage pregnancy or unwarranted sexual behaviors. This implies that SDA parent-respondents know how to deal with teenagers as far as reproductive health conversation are concerned. Indeed, parents who reaffirm the value of their children could help in the development of positive and health attitudes.