Abstract

In this study we evaluate the influence of stress and of maternal parenting style on the stress level of children evaluated by institution where data were collected as bearers of ADHD. The participants were 25 mothers and their children (average age 9.4 years). The children were assessed by the Children Stress Scale and their mothers by Lipp Stress Symptoms inventory for Adult and with the Gomide Parenting Styles Inventory. The results show that this population presents a high level of stress, parental style classified as at-risk. It also revealed that the symptomatology of maternal stress is related to the subtype of ADHD and that symptoms of inattention are potentiated by excessive stress. No significant relationship between maternal stress and childhood stress was found.

Keywords

Stress, attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity, parenting style.