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## Lived experiences of women parenting during intimate partner violence: A qualitative study

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This presentation describes a phenomenological study, utilizing Husserl's (1962) phenomenological approach, which explored the lived experiences of women parenting during Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Semi-structured open-ended interview questions with prompts were used during face-to-face individual interviews of 20 mothers to understand how each mother parented both within and outside the home. Interviews were digitally recorded and analyzed carefully using Colaizzi's (1978) method of analysis with the finding of an overarching theme of avoiding judgment. Data from this study may assist in increasing the awareness and further understanding of experiences and feelings of mothers, who parent during intimate partner violence. Recommendations for further research include possible intervention development to support the parenting relationship between a mother and her children to preserve the health and wellbeing of both.

### Biography

Andrea Brooks has completed her PhD from Texas Woman's University and has specialty certifications as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, along with a secondary certification in Nursing Education. She has been involved in pediatrics since 2001 and is currently a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for both a pediatric underserved primary care and urgent care clinic. She is also a Professor of Nursing at Lone Star Community College, USA. Her future research trajectory includes developing parenting programs, assisting vulnerable populations and encouraging others in lifelong learning with aspirations for being catalysts of change.

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