



## **Fathers' Experiences of Involvement in Child Education**

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**Abstract.** Studies have been exploring the role of a father in family dynamics by assessing father involvement, which is the extent to which a father participates in all aspects of a child's life. A salient aspect of father involvement is in children's education, as it is crucial for child development. This study takes on a descriptive-qualitative approach to explore fathers' experiences of father involvement in child education in Indonesian families through the eyes of fathers (N=5) and incorporates the social role theory as well as the father involvement theory to support the data analysis through a thematic analysis approach in qualitative research. The findings of this study show that levels of father involvement can be explained through the understanding of their role. The dynamics of their involvement can also be explained through the interactions with their children, their physical accessibility to be present, and acknowledgement of their responsibility.

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**Abstrak.** Penelitian telah mengeksplorasi peran ayah dalam dinamika keluarga dengan menilai keterlibatan ayah, yaitu sejauh mana seorang ayah berpartisipasi dalam seluruh aspek kehidupan anak. Aspek penting dari keterlibatan ayah adalah dalam pendidikan anak, karena hal ini vital untuk perkembangan anak. Penelitian ini mengambil pendekatan deskriptif-kualitatif untuk mengeksplorasi pengalaman ayah tentang keterlibatan ayah dalam pendidikan anak di keluarga Indonesia melalui mata ayah (N=5) dan menggabungkan teori peran sosial serta teori keterlibatan ayah untuk mendukung analisis data melalui pendekatan analisis tematik dalam penelitian kualitatif. Temuan penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa tingkat keterlibatan ayah dapat dijelaskan melalui pemahaman peran mereka. Dinamika keterlibatan mereka juga dapat dijelaskan melalui interaksi dengan anak-anak mereka, aksesibilitas fisik mereka untuk hadir, dan pengakuan atas tanggung jawab mereka.

**Keywords:** *keterlibatan ayah, peran sosial, pendidikan anak*