



AN EVALUATION OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER AMONG
ADOLESCENTS IN ETCHE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated perceived factors that influence anti-social personality disorder among adolescents in Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State, Nigeria. Descriptive survey design was used for the study. Three research questions and three corresponding hypotheses guided the study. The researchers used simple random sampling technique to draw a sample of 1000 adolescents in SS II from the population. Two instruments titled Perceived Factor Scale (PFS) and Anti-social Personality Disorder Scale” (ASPDS) were used for data collection. The instruments were validated based on face, content and construct validity by three experts in Educational Measurement and Evaluation. Test-retest method was used to establish the reliability of the two instruments and the reliability coefficient for PFS was 0.76 and ASPDS was 0.77 respectively. Mean and standard deviation were used to answer the research questions while independent t-test was used to test the corresponding hypotheses at 0.05 levels of significance. The result shows that drug abuse, anti-social parents and emotional abuse significantly influence anti-social personality disorder among adolescents. Based on the findings, conclusions were drawn and relevant recommendations made.

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