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The Role of Emotional Intelligence among Adolescents in Anxiety and Depression

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Abstract – The association between emotional intelligence, anxiety and depression among teenagers was explored in this research. In the adolescent community, elevated anxiety and depression are frequently found, and if kept unchecked, it may have long-term detrimental effects that impair educational success and a number of significant life outcomes. Decreased anxiety and depression have been correlated with the usage of mindfulness strategies, but the basic reasons behind this are still starting to be recognized. Previous adult sample study has proposed that the production of emotional intelligence (EI) could be one pathway by which mindfulness confers its well-being benefits. This report is the first to investigate the relationship in an adolescent community between mindfulness, EI, anxiety, and depression.

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INTRODUCATION

Adolescence is the stage of transition between adolescence and adulthood and is a phase of essential physical, social, and emotional growth. It is often a period of heightened risk-taking and emotional responsiveness, coupled with reasonably low decision-making skills and management of impulses. The disparity in mental and cognitive capacities during puberty has been speculated to understand why this may be a period with heightened susceptibility to the development of affective and anxiety disorders.

During 2013-2014, nearly one in seven Australian children and teenagers meet the requirements for a diagnosable psychiatric illness, with the two common being anxiety disorders and major depressive disorder. Sub-clinical manifestations of anxiety and depression are encountered by several more teens. These conditions have a substantial detrimental effect on people and culture, with anxiety and depression also found to be correlated with a number of negative effects, including: lower academic achievement; reduced productivity; decreased subjective well-being; increased usage of substances; and an increased likelihood of suicide.

Mental conditions with teenage onset can have long-term effects that continue into adulthood. Adolescence is a crucial time for the development of personality, and an essential feature of psychological well-being is thought to be a strong and positive self-concept. It has been proposed that the symptoms of anxiety and depression can interfere with the development of identity, contributing to problems with long-term personality.

Adolescence is often a vital period for schooling to be completed, work skills to be learned, and relationships to grow. Long-term cognitive disability may theoretically arise from damage of these systems.

In addition, some persons who develop depression or anxiety through puberty are more likely to have lifelong recurring episodes.

For these purposes, it is of primary significance to recognize successful early approaches to avoid or treat subclinical and diagnosable anxiety and depression in adolescents. In adult research, where higher levels of mindfulness have been found to be correlated with greater psychological well-being and reduced anxiety and depression, mindfulness has been postulated to be one such technique and has shown positive outcomes.

However, such findings are also uncommon for the teenage community and there is still a need to determine whether there is a connection between factors in mindfulness and mental wellbeing. This is one of the targets of the current research where it is proposed that reduced depression and anxiety in teenagers would be correlated with greater understanding and that greater knowledge would be positively associated with Emotional Intelligence (EI).

ADOLESCENCE

The transition era from infancy to maturity is adolescence. When biological and psychological forces combine to drive growth, it is a period of transition. 'Adolescence' is considered by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the span from 10-19 years of age, the span between the initiation of puberty until the legal age of maturity. Adolescence is a phase in which the behaviors and values required to function successfully in community are attained. In order to succeed in the global economy, teenagers today are expected to have more awareness and skills. They have to contend with the rise of modern cultural and social trends through globalization. Anxiety and mental illness are correlated with this age. A time of vitality without the care of maturity, a time of five friendly family interactions punctuated with just intermittent tensions, a time of satisfying partnerships, a time of intensified idealism and the thrilling prospects of an increasing sense of existence. Adolescence as a "rain and tension" phase and saw teenagers' emotional existence as an oscillation of conflicting impulses. Freud claimed that behavioral, social and emotional shifts were part of puberty. Emotional shifts, such as an uptick in unpleasant feelings, such as moodiness, fear, loathing and stress, are linked to physiological changes. The teenage person will aim for freedom from the biological requirements of dominance. The Identity Formation Theory of Erik Erikson notes that the most important aspect of puberty is the creation of an ego-identity and the identity crisis. Due to multiple life stresses, adolescents today are in pain, chaos and uncertainty and thus pursue advice that awakens an acute need to cater to their predominant academic achievement-related issues. Some establish antisocial traits that are characterized by resentment and rage. In order to succeed in the global economy, teenagers today are expected to have more awareness and skills. They have to deal with and adopt modern cultural and social trends arising from globalization. In today 's background in India, the empowerment of youth is very important as there is rapid globalization and urbanization with the break-up of joint families and conventional support structures. There should be different provisions for educating responsive students and certain students that are easily stressed.

EMOTIONS OF ADOLESCENTS

In circumstances that are important to the individual, emotions arise. Things that achieve targets, or give the hope of doing so, aim to produce optimistic feelings. Things that hurt or frustrate elicit detrimental feelings. Emotions are major personality determinants because they control personal and social changes. Emotions linked to loss are fear and guilt. By influencing students' concentration, encouragement, use of learning techniques and self-regulation of learning, negative emotions may influence learning. For the management of unpleasant feelings and difficult circumstances, the word 'coping' is used. The onset of multiple physical, behavioral, and mental health issues interferes with intellectual success during puberty, along with cognitive development and vitality. Competence in cognitive and emotional ability helps to channel attention, retain enthusiasm, function together, deal with anger, react effectively to obstacles, and discourage dangerous behaviors. Seven physical, social, emotional and behavioral challenges placed teens at risk of school failure, threatening their well-being. Facing elevated levels of school-related tension correlated with assignments, exams, time constraints, success goals, and experiences with teachers are often developmental difficulties. Owing to emotional difficulties, often persons struggle to make the best of their analytical capability. People who perform below their analytical capacity are constantly nervous and stressed, lack confidence and are confused regarding them. In test scenarios and studying, it adversely impacts their efficiency. Intellectual inhibitions of this sort may arise from family, medical, and social issues that trigger anxiety and frustration. Powerful fear makes it impossible for the learner to adapt to unfamiliar conditions and not dwell on the challenge ahead.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Emotional Intelligence (EI) has been described as "the ability to correctly interpret, appreciate and convey emotion; the ability to access and/or produce emotions when they promote thinking; the ability to understand emotional and emotional knowledge; and the ability to regulate emotions to promote emotional and intellectual development" and amid early disputes as to its validity as a concept. Higher EI levels are correlated with: improved physical and emotional health; greater psychological well-being; academic success; less serious psychiatric survey stress and social anxiety; greater teenage happiness; lower adult student evaluation anxiety; and lower adolescent anxiety and depression.

In conceptualizing EI, there are two approaches: ability and trait. In the same way that cognitive intelligence is conceptualized as an ability, EI is better conceptualized as a skill. EI capabilities and talents are broken into four divisions of this conceptualization: the capacity to interpret feelings, the ability to use emotions to promote reasoning, the ability to grasp emotions and the ability to control emotions. According to this model, before more nuanced skills such as emotion control, more simple skills such as perceiving and communicating emotions develop. Performance models calculate EI by utilizing a series of tasks for problem-solving, calculated against a correctness criterion. For example, by asking participants to recognize the emotions in photographs of faces, the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Emotional Intelligence Test (MSCEIT) tests the interpretation of the emotion branch.

Trait models interpret EI by self-report questionnaires as a personality trait and test EI, while certain measures still use rater-versions. The Swinburne

University Emotional Intelligence Test (Adolescent SUEIT) developed a self-report and rater adolescent variant, which is an EI self-report assessment focused on the conceptualization of EI as a composite range of skills. As suggested, the Adolescent SUEIT broadly supports the four-factor EI model: comprehension and interpretation of emotions (UE); emotional recognition and expression (ERE); emotional regulation and regulation (EMC); and direct awareness of emotions (EDC).

MINDFULNESS

The Western method of mindfulness is derived from the mediation activity that occurs in all Buddhist practices. It can be defined as "paying notice in a specific way: purposefully, at the present moment, and non-judgmentally" and has been an increasingly common practice in the West as it has been found to be positively associated with psychological well-being and self-care, and to be negatively associated with adult anxiety and depression.

Two factors include the exercise of mindfulness: concentration and mood. The first aspect includes training focus towards the present moment by recognizing where one's interest is, prioritizing where one's attention wants to be, and preparing one 's attention to remain where it should be. The second element of mindfulness includes taking one's emotions and observations to a mindset of transparency, interest and acceptance.

Individuals have varying degrees of dispositional consciousness, however by practice through mindfulness training, which includes gently taking focus back to the current moment when listening but not being addicted to emotions, levels of awareness may often be improved. Participation in a stress reducing course focused on mindfulness has been found to substantially raise levels of mindfulness with impact sizes in the moderate to wide scale, with the amount of mindfulness experience correlating with the degree of improvement in levels of mindfulness.

Neuroplastic improvements in the brain can arise from the practice of mindfulness, and these changes are believed to be the basis of the beneficial results of mindfulness. Cross-sectional study has found that regional grey matter increases are correlated with improved performance capabilities, and seasoned mindfulness practitioners show greater concentrations of grey matter in various brain regions relative to those individuals who do not practice mindfulness, including those brain areas involved in focus, understanding, memory, and emotional control. The growth in the concentration of grey matter in these areas is thus known to be one process by which mindfulness confers its advantages.

A new randomized control study showed that a 3-day intense mindfulness meditation preparation intervention decreased right amygdala resting state functional connectivity, suggesting that mindfulness meditation facilitates neuroplastic improvements responsible for minimizing tension, anxiety and depression, but several of these findings are retrospective and thus correlation may not be concluded.

Study on mindfulness approaches has concentrated on adult health groups over the last 20 years. More recently, an increased curiosity in determining the efficacy of mindfulness in children and teenagers has been shown.

Owing to the evolving existence of the teenage brain, there is proof that mindfulness in adolescents varies from that of adults. For example, adult sensitivity measures involve objects that represent a descriptive facet that requires the capacity to put inner perceptions into terms, however in this field, children and adolescents may not have those well-developed skills. Studies that explicitly aim to explain mindfulness in adolescents are relevant because of these disparities, because the adolescence developmental cycle strikes a convincing paradox; on the one side, adolescence is a period of great physical strength and endurance, but on the other hand, morbidity and mortality rates double relative to childhood during adolescence. The rise in teenage morbidity and mortality rates is believed to be related to mental and emotional management problems that contribute to higher rates of injuries, suicide, drug usage and other risk-taking actions.

Therefore, it is necessary to investigate the emotional correlations of adolescent mindfulness, since adult mindfulness has been found to be strongly associated with self-control and emotional management, two fields in which adolescents are underdeveloped relative to adults, resulting in higher morbidity and mortality.

It is not anticipated that adolescents would have a great deal of systematic practice in mindfulness meditation because of their age and level. Research has shown, moreover, that people vary in the degree to which they are willing or able to listen to what is unfolding at the current moment, a central feature of mindfulness. This is understood to be dispositional mindfulness. This research uses a self-report test of dispositional mindfulness that was built for groups of children and adolescents and tests certain skills of mindfulness such as present-centered perception and a non-judgmental position against internal interactions.

In children and adolescents, self-reporting levels of mindfulness have been shown to be correlated with greater happiness and life satisfaction, and feature sensitivity has been shown to protect against decision-making patterns that placed adolescents at risk for smoking. In comparison, higher levels of mindfulness have been shown to be correlated with

less issues of internalization and externalization in adolescents.

The few research on the impact of mindfulness in children and teenagers have shown that higher levels of mindfulness are correlated with lower depression and anxiety, of most importance to this manuscript.

There is proof in adults that mindfulness exerts its positive impact by affecting EI on psychological well-being. In other terms, EI has been found to mediate the association between: consciousness and perceived stress; awareness and general self-efficacy; awareness and happiness with existence and mental distress; and mindfulness and subjective well-being. For the first time, this report would explore the hypothesis that EI mediates the association between mindfulness and anxiety in adolescents, and mindfulness and depression.

MINDFULNESS, EI, ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION: A MEDIATION RELATIONSHIP?

There is an increasing body of evidence in adults that mindfulness by manipulating EI exerts its positive impact on psychological well-being. In specific, EI has been shown to mediate the association between: knowledge and perceived stress; awareness and general self-efficacy; awareness and happiness with existence and mental distress; and awareness and subjective well-being.

The suggested psychological reason for this is that mindfulness enhances self-awareness, contributing to improved emotional self-control, leading to better well-being and less stress and anxiety. Evidence shows that good emotional control avoids impulses that are two tendencies correlated with negative mental wellbeing effects from being avoided or over-engaged. The biological explanation postulated to explain this phenomenon is that in brain areas correlated with concentration, understanding, memory, and emotional control, mindfulness is associated with enhanced grey matter.

This line of analysis is expanded in two major ways by the new review. Second, this is the first research to examine whether the associations between mindfulness, depression and anxiety are influenced by EI. Secondly, this is the first research to explore the relationships in an adolescent community between EI, mindfulness, depression and anxiety. This is significant because in the adolescent community, rates of anxiety and depression are strong, and both disorders are correlated with a variety of negative outcomes. Consequently, the detection of preventive interventions is of critical significance. One such putative action is the exercise of mindfulness.

By concentrating on the subscale scores of EI, rather than the global EI scores, recent findings have given a more meaningful understanding of the effect of EI on well-being variables. This analysis often focuses on subscale scores rather than global EI to classify certain components of EI that are most significant in the prediction of adolescent depression and anxiety.

SOME SOURCES OF STRESS FOR ADOLESCENTS INCLUDE:

- Chronic disease in the family or critical concerns
- A loved one's passing
- Schools moving or shifting
- Accepting too many operations or getting too high aspirations
- Family financial issues
- School demands and disappointments
- Inflammatory feelings and reactions about oneself
- Physical changes
- Problems at school with mates and/or classmates
- Insecure living climate
- Separation or maternal divorce

Inside the person, fear is a danger or hazard. It's the expectation of a possible hazard. Anxiety, typically generalized, is a sense of anxiety, concern, and uneasiness. It includes fear, dread and a general sense that all is not well. Apprehension or helplessness, sometimes followed by muscle stress, restlessness, exhaustion, and attention difficulties, is the answer to the anticipated danger. Anxiety in school children regarding success in school suggests that so much focus could be put on competitive education in the educational system, contributing to academic anxiety.

It may have severe and long-lasting implications if academic distress is not adequately treated, such as leading a student to procrastinate, perform badly in school work, and refrain from socializing with peers or from other contexts (Mattoo & Nabi, 2012).

When anxiety is too much and goes on for too long, the person might have an anxiety disorder. Thus, anxiety is stimulated by attributes within the organism rather than by external stimulation. It is an emotional condition that is generalized, which arises from any subjective problem. Anxiety typically happens when an anticipated occurrence is expected to create demands that an individual is unprepared for and thus lacks the coping skills needed.

In comparison, anxiety is seen as a generalized sensation of terror, concern, and uneasiness. Anxiety is often characterized as pain, dread or fear because of the subjectively uncomfortable feelings of dread over impending events. Vague and amorphous is the danger that causes fear. The effect is a kind of turning of the emotional, psychological and behavioral wheel in which both processes are extremely involved and totally unproductive. Anxiety is described in positive psychology as the emotional condition that results from a daunting task for which the person has inadequate coping skills.

Adolescents must cope with societal stresses and peer pressure alongside academic tension. Because of stress, teenagers can succumb to stress from peer relationships, school work and mood swings. Children and teenagers with an emotional illness can access care, arranging services between the family, workplace, and society, depending on their specific needs. Reducing anxiety allows pupils, instructors, and parents to function. Mindfulness Therapy, meta-cognition, coping, presence of teachers, are several techniques for minimizing fear. Problem-based learning is a instructional approach that has been shown to improve the rate of meaningful metacognition of learners. Self-regulation by educating students may minimize distress and improve academic success. It is important to be conscious of the symptoms of distress for teachers, and what can be done to relieve the anxiety of students' Academic anxiety can grow more negative with time. If the academic output of a student suffers, the amount of distress linked to such academic activities rises.

Causes of anxiety disorders

Psychological: when one's stresses overwhelm normal coping abilities.

Genetic, biological or medical reasons also act as causes

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRESS AND ANXIETY

Stress is the response of the body to a circumstance or situation involving a physical, mental or emotional change or reaction. Any positive or negative shift will cause it. For many conditions that trigger nervousness, panic, anticipation, and concern, anxiety is a general term. Anxiety is a sense of apprehension, unease, or anxiety, frequently connected to events that are thought to be uncontrollable or imminent. Anxiety is a future-oriented mood in which a person anticipates future detrimental events, 14 while stress is an answer to something currently occurring. Stress may have many different and distinct triggers, whereas fear sometimes takes on one particular source of stress and makes a person feel frightened or difficult to face.

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Emotions control behavior. Adolescence is defined by enhanced emotionality. The infant is not as anxious and mentally depressed at either point as in puberty. If the trainer is mindful of adolescent upheavals, he will direct them accordingly. A very important goal of schooling throughout puberty is to develop and regulate proper emotions. Emotion management is important for satisfying societal needs and eliminating the negative impact of emotions on perceptions, habits, actions and physical well-being. Regulation involves having to view a social circumstance with a reasonable mindset and repression of all socially inappropriate feelings.

ADVANTAGES OF STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR ADOLESCENTS

Because of physical changes, role adjustments, and changes in parent-child relationships, puberty is a period of specific tension. Stress may have adverse consequences on the functioning of attitude, thinking, and body. Adjustment conditions or maladaptive behavior, acute stress disorder and dissociative disorder are involved in the psychiatric response to stress. Stress is rather personal and the response to it relies on the psychological and physical makeup of an entity. Coping abilities apply to the capacity of an individual to deal with multiple forms of circumstances. It connotes the mechanisms that people use to cope with tension. There are typically a range of strategies open to people that are productive copiers, such as positive thought and versatility, and they may pick the most suitable one for the case. They often learn to guide their thoughts towards solving challenges and to prevent disturbances induced by fear and anxiety. Coping is a mechanism that entails collecting relevant data, evaluating options, agreeing on action and actions. Social reinforcement may render individuals less vulnerable to stress. Early approaches to improve coping strategies may assist persons with inadequate skills in stress management. A number of techniques, such as complementary counselling, drugs, mindfulness exercise, behavioral modification and social intervention, provide the management of stress-related issues.

DEPRESSION AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Emotional intelligence is closely connected to psychological processing that is good. A variety of reports show that feelings are controlled significantly by chronically depressed children than by non-depressed children. For much of the current studies into adolescent depression, research into the essence and characteristics of depression in adults has provided a significant context. It is observed that unhappy children are more socially inept; that they

have less friends; that they are less liked; and that they have more difficulties establishing connections with other children. They seem unable to adequately label their emotions, displaying instead a sullen irritability, impatience and rage, especially towards their parents. Bad academic output, such as low focus, and lack of usual job in school subjects with a decrease of grades, loss of usual participation in sports, unfinished classroom task, lack of homework practice, and destructive behavior are another effect of depression in these adolescents. In particular, the likelihood of low academic success, diminished efficiency, exhaustion and decreased social functioning could be increased.

It is not shocking to see a clear association between emotional intelligence and general psychological well-being that is seen in depression in this research, considering the theoretical value of emotional intelligence in forecasting psychological change. In baby and adult samples, the association between emotional maturity and physiological factors such as depression, anxiety and mental wellbeing has been well established. Children with impaired emotional adjustment, for example, report stronger attention to their feelings, poorer clarity of emotions (understanding one's emotional states), and an inability to manage their own emotional states. In the other side, higher levels of self-esteem are indicated by children who report greater mental clarity and a greater capacity to restore their own emotional states. However, persons who ranked higher on the scale of emotional intelligence endured fewer subjective tension, experienced greater health and well-being, and displayed better success in management.

In an earlier report, low social intelligence ability contributed to increased depression. In the left frontal lobe, those with a history of psychiatric depression have lower levels of brain activation and more activity in the right than those who had never been depressed. Both incoming brain data travels into the amygdala where they are quickly evaluated for their subjective significance before moving to the cerebral cortex for analysis. Thus, the pathway between the amygdala and the left prefrontal cortex tends to be a significant locus of the capacity to control harmful effects. Therefore, human variations in amygdala metabolic function are correlated with degrees.

Depressed parents experience a variety of parenting deficiencies that may indirectly impact the growth of regulatory skills of their children. Compared to non-depressed mothers, when negotiating with their children and with adults, depressed mothers appear to be more aggressive, violent, pessimistic and less socially expressive and cooperative. Provided that the experiences of depressive mothers' model for their children how to control their own feelings, the methods of parents and children to manage depression are positively related.

In classrooms, children's depression has so far been granted inadequate consideration because, on the one hand, they find it challenging to believe that children may encounter adverse psychological problems such as depression. In the other side, as we speak of adolescent depression, we mark a kid with a neurological illness that certain parents in our society don't embrace. In comparison, certain parents neglect children's sadness, assuming that it is a normal step of the course of growth that would vanish by growing up over time. To our knowledge, no research that explore the association between childhood depression and emotional intelligence have been reported.

CONCLUSION

Students can focus their energies into ways which are useful and efficient. The present research provides some relation between tolerance for stress, anxiety, study patterns, and academic achievement.

Rural students have greater stress tolerance and learning behaviors, while urban students with strong academic achievement were more stressed. The difference is typically attributed to societal, psychological and economic circumstances. Boys had greater potential for tension than children. The causes may be related to the behavioral trend of culture and media exposure in the case of boys. Hardness preparation will allow girls to control their coping resources in hardship.

The level of distress is about the same, regardless of gender. Boys show as much apprehension as girls do. Boys showed more academic success, while girls had stronger study patterns. In particular, parents ought to be objective regarding their children's aspirations, values and behaviors to instill healthy study habits.

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