

INFLUENCES ON MATERNAL BEHAVIOR: SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS, PARENTAL VALUE AND PARENTAL BELIEF. Rozumah B. and Zoozilawati A.R. Department of Family Development Studies, Faculty of Human Ecology, Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, 43400 UPM, Serdang, Selangor, MALAYSIA.

This present study determined the influences of socio-economic status, parental value and parental belief on parenting behavior of working mothers. Sixty-nine respondents, (i.e, 37 blue-collar mothers and 32 white collar mothers) from Dewan Bandaraya, Kuala Lumpur were identified purposively for the study. Data were collected by interview and observation using questionnaires and Home Observation on Measurement of the Environment Inventory (HOME) (Caldwell and Bradley, 1984). Results of the study show that: 1. There are significant relationships between mothers' educational levels ($r = 0.63$; $p < 0.001$), family income ($r = 0.53$; $p < 0.001$), parental values, i.e, self direction ($r = 0.31$; $p < 0.05$) and conformity ($r = -0.38$; $p < 0.01$), parental belief ($r=0.20$; $p < 0.05$) and maternal behavior; 2. There is no significant relationship between mother's age ($r = 0.3$; $p = 0.82$) and maternal behavior; 3. There is significant difference in maternal behavior between blue and white collar mothers; The study concludes that various factors influenced parenting behavior.