CHDV 154
Case Study Paper

The case study paper requires application of research and concepts covered in the course to the practice of parenting in one family. Sources for the paper will include (a) your parent interview, (b) your (Holden) textbook, and (c) three additional recent (within last 10 years) scholarly, peer reviewed sources (e.g., research articles).

The paper should be about 6-8 pages in length and written in APA style format. Along with the APA Manual, there are many online resources to assist you with APA style. One I’ve found particularly useful may be found at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/

You will be evaluated on your ability to (a) summarize and analyze material related to three different parenting issues, (b) illustrate the issues with examples from the interview (c) explain and apply the theory to the interview, (d) ability to support your assertions with scholarly sources. A portion of your grade will be based on clarity, mechanics, organization, and APA style. Attach a transcript of your parent interview as an appendix, and refer to it, e.g., (See Appendix) when you cite your interview in your paper.

I. Paper Content
The paper should include the following content:

1) Based on the transcript of your interview, choose three different parenting themes/issues (see below). For each issue, you should:
   (a) Provide a brief, scholarly overview of the parenting concept/theme, using your text (or other sources) as a reference
   (b) Discuss how this the concept relates to the parent you interviewed and provide specific example(s) from your interview and other sources to illustrate and support your points.

2) Next, choose a particular theory described in the text that you think best explains your observations and analysis of the three parenting issues. Provide 2-3 specific examples from the interview that illustrate the theory.

3) In your conclusion, provide a brief summary/integration of your analysis. Based on this analysis, what suggestions could you give to individuals working with parents with respect to these different issues?

   Possible Parenting Issues:
   - Transition to parenting/coping with transition
   - Developmental changes as related to parenting
   - Moral development/self-control
   - Relationships with peers
   - Gender
   - Self-regulation
   - Cognitive/language development
   - Emotional development
   - Specific concerns of parents of infant/children/adolescents
   - Adjustment to school
   - Differences between mothers and fathers
   - Influences of partner, immediate or extended family on parenting
   - Influence of community/culture on parenting
   - Sibling relationships; parenting multiple children
   - Issues related to single parent, blended, or non-traditional family structure
   - Advice in parenting/sources of advice
   - Rewards/challenges of parenting
   - Stress in parenting, e.g.,
     - Balancing work and family
     - Coping with stress
     - Sources of support for parents
   - Parenting change and growth

*Note*: this list is not exhaustive; other issues may emerge as you examine your interview.

II. Structure and Format
One way to organize the paper is listed below. You must use APA format style in this paper.

Provide an introduction (1-2 paragraphs)

• Introduce purpose of paper (give reader direction about what is to come).
• Name issues
Discuss issue 1
- Describe issue
- Relate to interview (provide example, quote), text (cite), outside source (cite)

Discuss issue 2
- Describe issue
- Relate to interview (provide example, quote), text (cite), outside source (cite)

Discuss issue 3:
- Describe issue
- Relate to interview (provide example, quote), text (cite), outside source (cite)

Describe and apply Theoretical Framework
- Provide overview of theory (cite text)
- Relate theory to issues and interview (provide example, quote), text (cite), outside source (cite)

Conclusion
- Summarize issues briefly
- Offer evidence-based advice for parents with similar issues

III. Some Things to Keep in Mind:
1. This is a formal paper; avoid narrative style, slang, colloquialisms, personal experience/anecdotes
2. Support your opinions with the sources (e.g., text, articles, and interview; avoid direct quotes, except for interview)
3. Be clear and to the point! Make sure that your ideas are presented in a logical order.
4. Use meaningful headings, e.g., “Transition to School”, rather than “Issue 1”
5. Quality of writing makes a difference! Be sure to proofread/edit for:
   - Verb tense
   - Passive voice
   - Sentence structure/paragraph development
   - Spelling and typos (not enough to do spell check!)
   - Frequently misused words: affect/effect, their/there
   - avoid "prove" in reference to studies/research
6. You must use APA style in this paper. Please consult manual or APA web site and make sure you do the following
   - 12-point Times Roman font
   - double-space, 1 inch margins, left justify
   - page numbers at upper right
   - use cover page
   - numbers <10 or at beginning of sentence are spelled out
   - Bolded headings
   - use quotation marks for direct quotes and cite page number
   - avoid overuse of direct quotes; paraphrase and cite instead

Examples of APA citations in text:
Adults “typically name establishing an equal relationship with parents as a criterion for adulthood” (Holden, 2010, p.110).

Holden (2010) notes that adults do not name having children or getting married as criteria for adulthood.

The results of several studies indicate that children need routine for optimal development (Adams & Smith; Brooks, 2004; Thomas et al., 2003).

Note: Do not cite by authors' first names or by title of book or article. Use (see appendix) at the end to reference your parent interview as a source.