

**The Relationship between Parent Child Discordance and Suicidal Ideation in Adolescent
Teenagers at Elevated Risk for Suicide**

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Suicidal ideation, defined as thoughts and cognitions about taking one's life, is an important predictor for suicidal risk in adolescent females. Parent-child disclosure is an important aspect of the teenager's environment. We theorize that adolescent females that have more aligned responses with their parents will have less suicidal ideation, while more discordance in the parent child suicide related responses will have greater suicidal ideation. Participants and parents underwent the Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors Interview, and their answers for the Suicidal Ideation portion were matched and scored to evaluate parent-child discordance. The measures were compared with the participant's Suicidal Ideation Questionnaire scores. Parent child disclosure and SIQ results were slightly positively correlated (Pearson's $R = 0.326$, $p < 0.05$), where a higher SIQ score correlated with a higher parent child discordance. Focusing on increasing the parent's awareness of their child's thoughts related to suicide may help serve as a protective factor to decrease suicidal risk of adolescent females.