

Reflections of Growing up with a Schizophrenic Parent: Coping skills,
Personal and Expressive Responses through Art

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Abstract

This exploratory study looks at the way adult children learned to cope in living in a chaotic environment. It studies the long term effects of growing up with a schizophrenic parent, the parent's behavior, their parenting patterns, the attachment between the mother and child, and the coping skills that adult children used. This study discusses interviews and personal art responses of seven adult children who grew up with a schizophrenic parent in a chaotic environment. It analyzes their art work and responses to their artwork.