

## Abstract

Losing a family member by homicide is a very painful and bitter experience for the rest of the family, resulting in physical, emotional, and practical challenges. The importance of this study is that it's very helpful in better understanding the needs of the victims and more importantly, that it provides a comprehensive systematic response to the victims of the homicide. This study conducted in rural areas of Punjab Pakistan. (IPA) Interpretative phenomenological analysis was used to explored the lived experiences of families of homicide victims. Semi structured interviews was conducted with three male and three female victim families. Only adult family members were selected for interviews. Four themes were derived from this study after analysis the interviews in-depth (a) biopsychosocial effects, (b) socio-legal response, (c) durational changes and (d) coping strategies. These results will help the families of homicide victims to accept their mental, emotional and legal problems and seek psychiatric services when needed. The findings suggest and recommendation that there is a need for procedures, resources and services that would be useful to those who have lost loved ones by homicide, including educators, counselors, psychologist, practitioners and may be beneficial to medical respondents.