Table 2Frequency of Participants Endorsing Themes with Theme Definitions

Theme	Frequency % (n)
Living authentically	756 (76.3)
Parents narratives of hopes that their child will live authentically,	, ,
including being able to freely express themselves, love who they are,	
and live a happy life	
Freely Expressing Themselves	
Parents expressed hope for their child to fully express who they are without hesitation	
Developing Self-love	
Parents expressed hope for their child to develop self-love and confidence to embrace their authentic selves	
Live a Happy and Normal Life	
Parents expressed desire for their child to live a happy and normal live just like any other child	
Interpersonal Connections	320 (32.3)
Parents expressed their hopes that their child finds community that	
includes friendships and social networks of support, that they	
develop romantic relationships, that they build their own families,	
and that they are loved by others	
Finding Community	
Parents expressed desire for their child to find a community to	
belong	
Building Social Networks and Friendships	
Parents expressed hopes for their child to have social networks and friendships	
Developing Romantic Relationships	
Parents expressed wanting their child to have caring romantic	
relationships that provide love and support	
Building their Own Family	
Parents expressed for their child to have a family of their own	
Loved by Others	
Parents expressed their desire for their child to experience love	
by others	
Meeting Life Milestones	218 (22.0)
Parents shared their hopes for their child to have a typical	
development trajectory such as finding stable employment/career,	
achieving goals and dreams, and becoming an advocate	
Career and Employment	
Parents expressed their hope for their child to successfully find employment	
Achieving Goals and Dreams	

Parents expressed hopes for their child to achieve their goals and dreams

Becoming an Advocate

Parents expressed their hopes that their child would use their life experiences to become an advocate for themselves and others

Acceptance by Society

Parents expressed hopes for child to live in a society that accepts them for their full authentic selves

216 (21.8)