

Psychiatric problems in orphanage children

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Aim: To study the psychiatric disorders among a sample of children raised in orphanages and the effect of the environmental factors on their development.

Design of the study: Cross sectional study.

Method: the sample collected from two orphanages, the children were at the age group of 8-13 years. Children from orphanage A were 20 and from orphanage B were 18; they were subjected to Conner's rating scale, the Achenbach child behavior checklist, the young children social desirability scale & hopelessness scale for children.

Results: It was found that the most prevailing diagnoses were ODD (34.22%) & anxiety disorders (34.22%). Then dysthymia (26.31%) followed by N.E & ADHD (21.05%) for each, OCD, borderline IQ each had a prevalence of (18.42%) & (10.52%) for conduct disorders.

Conclusion: children living in institutions are prone to' suffer from psychiatric disorders, exposure to society with all its consequences plays a role in the development of depression and behavioral problems in them.