

Impact of Domestic Violence on Psychological Well-Being of Children

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Abstract

The broad objective of the study was to understand the impact of domestic violence on psychological well-being of male children. In order to achieve the objective of the study a total of 160 school going male children studying in different schools were given a questionnaire prepared for the purpose of finding the children who were exposed to domestic violence from the early beginning of their lives. Out of 106 students 36 reported being exposed to severe domestic violence frequently. Among 36 children exposed to domestic violence 6 children expressed their unwillingness to participate for further research. So, 30 children were included in group of witnessing domestic violence. Out of 124 students who did not report witnessing of domestic 30 students were randomly selected to include in group of children reporting no violence between their parents. PGI Well-being Scale by Verma and Verma was administered to all the participants. In order to find out significance of difference between the two comparison groups, t-test was used. The results revealed significantly lower psychological well-being for those participants who were exposed to frequent severe domestic violence than participants who did not report of witnessing domestic violence.

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