

Abstract

This study aimed at exploring child abuse and neglect in relation to psychopathy and self harming behaviors. Cross-sectional correlational research design was used to carry out the research. A sample of 100 children (50 boys & 50 girls) was selected at age ranging from 12-18 years through purposive sampling. The data was collected from two NGOs of Lahore through purposive sampling. An adapted and translated Child Abuse Screening Tool was used to identify children with different levels and types of abuse and neglect. Urdu version of Youth Psychopathy Inventory was used to find out psychopathy traits. Deliberate Self Harm Inventory was translated into Urdu for the purpose of assessing self harm behavior in participants along with a demographic questionnaire. Pearson product moment correlation showed there was no significant relationship between psychopathy and child abuse. It was identified that there was no significant gender differences between psychopathy traits and self harming behaviors in abused children. The findings of this research revealed that further study needed to be conducted on these variables as self harm was reported in abused children.

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