

Abstract

Present study was designed to investigate Childhood Traumatic Experiences, Early Maladaptive Schemas and Personality Dysfunctions in shelter home residents. It was hypothesized that Childhood Traumatic Experience led to Early Maladaptive Schemas in shelter home resident; Early Maladaptive Schemas impacts on Personality Dysfunction in shelter home resident; and Childhood Traumatic Experience results in Personality Dysfunction in shelter home resident. Purposive sampling technique was used to collect the data. Sample was comprised 5 Shelter home residents taken from shelter homes of Lahore, and Faisalabad. The data was collected using structured interviews. On the bases of data obtained from structured interviews we used Deductive Thematic Analysis (DTA) to asses Childhood Traumatic Experiences, Early Maladaptive Schemas and Personality Dysfunctions. Total six super-ordinate themes were extracted from the responses of the participants by using DTA analysis. The main themes were abuse, rejection, loss, cogniative distortion, emotional disturbances and behavioural problems.

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