ABSTRACT

This study is an attempt to investigate the phenomenon of attachment and self esteem among abandoned and home living children. Abandonment has occurred in primitive and contemporary societies, in all segments of the population, and on every continent across the globe. The study was conducted on 72 children (32 abandoned and 40= home living children). The children were given the protocol consisting of, self esteem scale, Attachment Questionnaire for children, and Adult Child Interaction Test was used. Result revealed that there is no significant difference found among abandoned and home children on the dimensions of self esteem and on the attachment styles. The projective test revealed that, abandoned children have more wishful thinking and usually they give in according to situation, whereas home living children have realistic hopes from future and they strive for better life.

Keywords: Abandoned children, Self esteem, Attachment Styles.