

ABSTRACT

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TITLE : Projective Drawings of Sexually Abused Children:
Their Implications to the Victims Self-Concept
and Coping Mechanisms.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY :

A. GENERAL :

To know the self-concept and coping mechanisms
of the sexually abused children.

B. SPECIFIC :

To come up with possible activities for thera-
peutic intervention.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE :

The research focused on the 25 female sexually abused
children of Saint Mary's House in Tagaytay. It also

analyzed their self-concept and coping mechanisms based on the result of their projective drawing.

METHODOLOGY :

The researchers used the case analysis approach in gathering, analyzing, evaluating and interpreting the data. The results of the projective drawings made by sexually abused children were used to formulate possible activities for therapeutic intervention.

MAJOR FINDINGS :

This study revealed that 9 (42.86%) sexually abused children suffered a lot because of the emotional disturbances like aggression, depression, evasion, guilt, hatred, anxiety, confusion, emptiness and low self-concept. The coping mechanisms of 13 respondents (52%) were evasion, 6 respondents (24%) masturbation, 5 respondents (20%) displacement, hostility and fantasy.

CONCLUSIONS :

It was concluded that sexually abused children had varying self-concept and coping mechanisms and they were highly bothered by emotional disturbances.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

This study recommended the following:

1. Follow therapeutic intervention programs reli-

giously and effectively.

2. Follow up and visitation while implementing the therapeutic intervention program after one and a quarter month of sessions be done.

3. That guidance and counseling on the sexually abused children be done continuously.

4. That wholesome and varied activities that would serve as outlet for releasing tensions and stored energies be implemented through sports, contests, musical festivals and the like.

