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ABSTRACT

This is a descriptive study of the family system as related to self-concept of adopted and natural children. In analyzing the family system of the children, the amount of parent-child relationship and style of child-rearing were considered. The case study method was utilized to obtain the needed data. Twelve respondents were studied, wherein 6 were adopted and 6 were natural. The results of the study showed that there is not much difference between the family system of adopted and natural children. In terms of parent-child relationships, none of the adopted children had parents who exercised control behavior. In the child-rearing style, none of the natural children came from permissive homes. A major finding is that more adopted children have lower self-concept than natural children. Relating self-concept to parent-child relationship, there was no difference between the two groups of children. In child-rearing styles as related to self-concept, there was also no difference between the two groups of children.



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