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ABSTRACT

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A. Objectives of the study

To be able to understand the personality profile and self-concept of institutionalized

B. Specific Objectives

This study attempted to answer the following questions regarding the level of Self-concept and Personality Profile of Selected male institutionalized child workers.

1. What is the demographic profile of Selected Male Institutionalized child workers
 - a. Age
 - b. Family of Origin



2. What is the personality Profile of the child workers as revealed by
 - a. SSCT (Sachs Sentence Completion Test)
 - b. HFDT (Human Figure Drawing Test)
3. What is the level of Self-concept of child workers as revealed by
 - a. PASAO Self-Concept Scale
3. What is the implication of the personality profile of the respondents on their Self-concept?

Methodology

The researcher will use a descriptive case study to gather qualitative information needed for the research and to gather information first hand from the respondents. An in-depth study involves careful investigation of facts based from different data gathering procedures such as observation, interview and conversations, Because of this reason, the researcher tried as much as possible to conduct a thorough research and observation to achieve broad understanding and awareness about the chosen study.

Findings

1. Table 1 shows the age range of the respondents. The researcher chose this range because it is the most common age of child workers (UNICEF, Philippine Child Laborers, 1999) and the age range of the respondents are feasible enough to measure using the psychological test.



2. Table 2 shows the types of family where the respondents belonged. Three (60 %) belonged to a dysfunctional type. The parents were not separated and has complete family members but unable to provide sufficient necessities and proper care and attention to its members. Two (40 %) belonged to a broken family. Mostly in this case, the parents are separated as well as the absence of other members of the family.
3. With the results of the psychological tests of the respondents, we can say that the child workers have their own personality as revealed by their test. Almost all of them showed signs of hostility and aggressiveness in dealing with their lives. They also experienced difficulties in disclosing and making friends with other children. In addition, introversion is one of the most significant character manifestations as revealed by their psychological test.
4. Table 3 reveals the level of the respondent's self-concept in which very low ranked first with the frequency of two (40%) out of five (100%). It appears that most of the respondents have very low self-regard such as shyness, submissiveness, delineation of self and being paranoid in the sense that the respondent's are frightened to commit mistakes. The finding support the report of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence that they tend to be shy if not socially isolated and lack of self-esteem (Gamueda, 2003)



5. The personality profile of the respondents comprises the covert aspects of their well being and its implication towards the self concept of the respondents is very significant. The personality profile shows that all the respondents have its own conflicts regarding its family, sex and interpersonal relationship. These issues in their life prevent them or suppress them to achieve the self worth in their life and it also shows their regrets on their shortcomings before. Furthermore, the respondents scored low self-concept, given the fact that their personality profile showed a consistency in conflict and that implies that self concept correlates with personality profile of the institutionalized child workers and vice-versa.

Conclusion

1. According to the data gathered from the three (3) psychological tests clearly showed that there is a connection between their personalities to the level of self-concept. There is a certain personality pattern that encloses the cases of these children that makes them inferior and has doubts on dealing with other people. They have a higher level of aggression impulses and the same time a withdrawn character with different conflicts and attitudes on their personality that complements with their low level of self-concept.
2. Since the institutionalized child workers manifested low level of self-concept, it is evident that children who engage on child labor do affect



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their self-worth. All they need is to grow as high functioning individual, whether the children reside at their home or institution.

