

Emotional Codependency and Aggressive Behavior of Children in Middle Childhood Age in Crises in Tamra City, Upper Galilee

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Abstract

The study will examine emotional codependency and aggressive behavior of children (middle childhood age) in crises in Tamra city, Upper Galilee. The research aims at exploring the differences in the level of codependency among children in the light of some variables such as (sex, age, father's age, mother's age, father's occupation, mother's career, owned or rented house, parents' social situation, family's income, father's educational level, mother's educational level, number of brothers and sisters, and the order of the child in the family). Additionally, the research aimed at exploring the differences in the level of aggressive behavior among middle aged children in Tamra city- Upper Galilee in the light of the following variables: (sex, age, father's age, mother's age, father's career, mother's career, owned or rented house, parents' social situation, family's income, father's educational level, mother's educational level, number of brothers and sisters, and the order of the child in the family).

The sample consisted of 10 (out of 30 children) children aging 6- 11 years who joined the family clubs in Tamra city. Five are males and five are females where they are selected arbitrary. The researcher applied the codependency index and aggressive behavior index. The researcher developed open questions about codependency where the credibility and constancy of the research tools were examined. The statistical methodology was applied where the researcher depended on the descriptive methodology: case study and qualitative methodology in order to explore the phenomenon's characteristics, collect, and analyze data to answer the study questions.

To achieve the objectives of the study, the researcher suggests the following two main question:

The first one: what is the level of emotional codependency among children in the light of some variances such as (sex, age, father's age, mother's age, father's occupation, mother's career, owned or rented house, parents' social situation, family's income, and father's educational level, mother's educational level)? . And the second one, : what is the level of aggressive behavior among children in the light of some variables such as (sex, age, father's age, mother's age, father's occupation, mother's career, owned or rented house, parents' social situation, family's income, and father's educational level, mother's educational level)?

The researcher identified the main results and characteristics of emotional codependency and aggressive behavior levels. There were Middle emotional codependency level for the benefit of males once taking into consideration variances sex. There are also differences once taking age group variance into consideration for the benefit of age group (6- 8) while, once taking mothers' situation, the differences are for the sake of mothers who are not working in the age group of (30-39) and who had finished elementary school. And for the sake of the father who are not working, once taking the variable of father's work in the age group (older than 40) and illiterate when taking the education variance. Also the variables of marital status of parents, monthly income and house ownership (owned or rented) came in favor of married parents, who owns their house and with monthly income of (2500-4000) NIS.

Regarding the level of aggressive behavior the researcher identified the following: there was a middle level of aggressive behavior among male children, There are also differences once taking age group variable into consideration for the benefit of age group (9-11) while, once taking mothers' situation, the differences are for the sake of mothers who are working in the age group of (30-39) and who had finished elementary school. And for the sake of the father who are not working, once taking the variable of father's work in the age group (older than 40) and illiterate considering the education variable. Also the variables of marital status of parents, monthly income and house ownership came in favor of divorced parents, who owns their house and with monthly income of (2500-4000) NIS.

This study proved that the level of emotional codependency is connected directly with the level of aggressive behavior among the targeted children. I recommend conducting more quantitative researches about the issue in order to achieve better understanding of this kind of disorders and its troubles.