

Independent Study Title	Factors Affecting the Self – Reliance of the Disabled in Tambon Padaet, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai
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ABSTRACT

The study entitled, “Factors Affecting the Self – Reliance of the Disabled in Tambon Padaet, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai”, aimed to 1) investigate the level of self-reliance of the disabled and 2) examine the personal factor, family’s role factor, and social support factor affecting the self-reliance ability of the disabled. The sample in this study included 101 disabled persons who were able to make a decision and assess the situations by themselves as they perceived without any communication problem, registered with Chiang Mai Provincial Social Development and Human Security Office, 15-65 years old and resided in Tambon Padaet, Amphoe Mueang, Chiang Mai. The research instrument took the form of questionnaire. Findings were summarized as follows:

1) With regard to the self-reliance of the disabled, most of them relied on themselves both in mental and daily routine aspects in the high level; social aspect in the medium level; and economic aspect in the low level.

2) In terms of factors affecting the self-reliance ability of the disabled, the study indicated that the family’s role factor related to the self-reliance ability of the disabled in the low level at a significant level of 0.05. However, the personal factor, namely age, income, education, period of being disabled, and the disabled level, and the social support factor did not relate to the self-reliance ability of the disabled.