

Thesis Title	Factors Relating to Amphetamine Abuse of Children and Youths in the Observation and Protection Centre of Chiang Mai		
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Abstract

The objective of this descriptive research was to study factors relating to amphetamine abuse of children and youths in the Observation and Protection Center of Chiang Mai. The sample target includes children and youths, convicted in drug cases and sentenced to confinement for at least 6 months in the Observation and Protection Center of Chiang Mai. The instruments used in this research started with a set of questionnaire to investigate personal factors and related factors which consisted of knowledge about drugs (amphetamine in specific), health attitude, perception in self-capacity for amphetamine, family relationship, and the influence from their friends. Depth interviews were conducted and results adhered to the quantitative analysis. The instruments were then sent to experts to verify and identify reliability values for the knowledge of drugs (amphetamine) and health attitude. As a result, the reliability values were 0.67 and 0.69 respectively. Percentage and mean were used to analyze the general data.

The research revealed that children and youths had fairly good knowledge of amphetamine, good health attitude, the medium level of perception in self-capacity for amphetamine, good family relationship. Moreover, it showed that the influence from friends had the high level of impacts on the children and youths.