“A study to assess the knowledge of mothers of preschool children regarding behavioral problems at community setting Aloli, in Ajmer district with a view to develop an information booklet.”

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ABSTRACT

Introduction:- Behavioral problems of preschoolers are a frustrating experience for most of parents, a big problem for managing clinicians and a scientific challenge for researchers. As research in the area is rapidly advancing and a greater understanding of the condition evolving, it is important that this information is provided to parents of preschoolers and healthcare professional's alike.

Method & Material: - The descriptive design was used for this study. Convenient sampling technique was used to select 60 mothers of preschool children regarding behavioral problem. In this study research variable is knowledge of mothers of preschool children regarding behavioral problem.

Results: - Findings revealed that mean score of total 60 mothers of preschool children is 15.8, is the average of knowledge score means mothers have moderate knowledge, mode is 12 which shows that highest frequent mother's knowledge level in moderate category, median is 16 reveals that half of mothers knowledge score below this point and half of above this and standard deviation is 4.35 shows that it is deviation of score from their center point. The association between knowledge of mothers regarding behavioral problems of preschool children and selected socio demographic variables viz: age (in years), Educational status, occupation, number of children, the obtained chi square value is more than tabulated value at 0.05 level of significance.

Key Words: - Mothers; Preschool Children; Behavioral problems; Knowledge regarding Behavioral problems; Information booklet; Aloli.

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and taking advantage of the preventive and training options available. Healthy, happy and well adjusted

children are normal. This adjustment is developed by providing basic emotional needs, physical needs and physiological needs for their mental well-being. The emotional needs

are considered as emotional food for healthy behavior. For this children are depend on their parents, so parents are responsible for fulfillment of the emotional needs. Every child should have tender loving care and sense of security about protection from parents and family members.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

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preschool children regarding behavioral problems at community setting Aloli, in Ajmer district with a view to develop an information booklet.”

OBJECTIVES:

01. To assess the knowledge of mothers of preschool children regarding behavioral problems of preschool children.
02. To find out the association between knowledge of mothers of preschool children and selected socio-demographic variables.
03. To develop an information booklet regarding behavioral problem of preschool children.

METHODOLOGY:

In study, a quantitative approach was found to be suitable to assess the knowledge of mothers of preschool children. The descriptive design was used for this study.

Research variable is knowledge of mothers of preschool children regarding behavioral problem.

The tool developed and used for data collection was socio-demographic data (6 variables) and Structured Knowledge Questionnaire (30 questions).

The pilot study was conducted on 10 samples. The tool was found to be reliable and feasible. The reliability of the tool was established by using Kuder-Richardson Formula. The correlation $r = 0.78$.

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In case of finding association between knowledge of mothers regarding behavioral problems of preschool children and selected socio demographic variables chi square test was worked out. The association between knowledge of mothers regarding behavioral problems of preschool children and selected socio demographic variables viz: : monthly income of family and type of family, the obtained chi square value is less than tabulated value at 0.05 level of significance.

The association between knowledge of mothers regarding behavioral problems of preschool children and selected socio demographic variables viz: age (in years), Educational status, occupation, number of children, the obtained chi square value is more than tabulated value at 0.05 level of significance.

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION:

So it can be concluded that there is moderate level of knowledge of mothers of preschool regarding behavioral problems and socio demographic variables such as age (in years), Educational status, occupation, number of children affect the knowledge of mothers .

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