A study of the pattern of non-adjustment reactions of the newly admitted children in the laboratory day care centre

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ABSTRACT
The investigation entitled aimed at studying the non-adjustment reactions of children in the Laboratory Day Care Centre. The study was based upon a sample of 32 (15 male and 17 female) children admitted in two consecutive sessions (April, 2009 & April, 2010) in Laboratory Day Care Centre, Department of Human Development, PAU, Ludhiana. Observation-cum-interview method was used for the collection of data for the study. Based on their non-adjustment reactions, the children were divided into two categories, viz., ‘Early Adjusting Children’ and ‘Late Adjusting Children’. For this segregation an opinion survey was conducted in the five ‘Early Childhood Care Centres’ in Ludhiana City. As per the results of the opinion survey 3 weeks time was found to be average normal time for adjustment of the children. The subjects displayed non-adjustment reactions in varying frequencies and intensities. ‘Eating problems’ were the first to fade out and ‘Unwillingness to come to the centre’ the last. The non-adjustment reactions which strongly persisted beyond 3 weeks time period were ‘Unwillingness to come to the centre’, ‘Over attachment with care provider’ and ‘Over attachment with mother’. ‘Temper tantrums’ and ‘Withdrawn behaviour’ were also displayed moderately up to 9th week of entry to Laboratory Day Care Centre.

KEY WORDS: Laboratory day care centre, Care providers, Non-adjustment reactions, Early adjusting children and late adjusting children


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