

Child Depression in the Family Context

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to analyze the situation of children with depression in the family context. The Jordanian translation of the Children's Depression Inventory (CDI) is used in this study. The original sample on which the study tools were applied consisted of 877 children. The results of the study show that the Jordanian translation of the Children's Depression Inventory has been shown to provide high internal reliability cronbach's alpha (.86). The results of this study indicate that by using a cut-off score of 19 or above 43 children with a prevalence rate of 4.9 % forms a group with severe depression and there are significant differences between boys and girls in the prevalence of depression. The findings of this study also show specific reasons related to family context that causes depressed feelings among children. These are categorised into two basic factors: Parental practices and economical status of the family.

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