Values of Dealing with Sexual Behavior Problems of Children : Interviews of Orphanage Workers

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The purpose of this study is: 1) to examine orphanage worker's values of dealing with sexual behaviors problems of the children :2) to examine how their values will affect the response of the children. The researcher conducted semi-structured interviews with eight orphanage workers. Analysis by qualitative research method shows three facts, 1) there are various values and consciousness (social standards, cultural standards, developmental standards, and possibility of sexual behaviors problems) :2) they deal with the situation after understanding it: 3) the various values of the workers are unique to orphanage's issues. The research found two issues. One is the workers are not related to the children while being aware of attachment toward the children. The second is different values resulted in difficulty of unifying the rules. Despite such conflicts and challenges, considering the necessity of rules, the future risk of children, and the flow of the times, the workers looked back on their own values and had various ideas. Dealing with sexual behavior problems of the children, recognized that there are diverse values. From the difference in response due to differences in staff's values, sexual problems occurred. Because sexual problems do not become latent, understanding about their own values and other worker's values, and a team approach is important.