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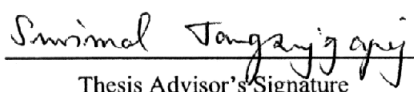
The purposes of this study were to study the most frequently participation in leisure activity and levels of quality of life of parents who have autistic children, the relationships among socio-economic status and levels of quality of life, as well as the leisure participation pattern and levels of quality of life of the autistic parents. Subjects were 179 parents who took their children to Yuwaprasart Waithayoprathum Child Psychiatric Hospital at Samprakarn province during 1- 30 August 2005.

A self-administered questionnaire was the research instrument. The questionnaire was approved by 8 leisure experts to find the content validity. The index of congruence was in the range of 0.67-1. Meanwhile the reliability of the questionnaire was try-out by 30 parents who have autistic children study at Rachanukul Institute. The alpha coefficient of Kr20 was .85. Data were analyzed by using frequency, percentage, and Chi-square test.

Findings were found that:- 1) leisure activity that parents participated mostly At Home Activity was watching television (72.07 %, 5-7 times/week), in Tourism was going to shopping at the department store (31.84 %, 1-2 times/week), in Sport was walking-running (23.35 %, 5-7 times/week), and in Creative Activity was singing (13.96 %, 5-7 hours/week); 2) most of parent (73.74 %) had moderate quality of life; 3) the relative to children was significant difference to the levels of quality of life of parents at .05 level; and 4) the relationships among listening to music and reading newspaper/magazing in At Home Activities; going to shopping at the department store, natural resources, urban and local provinces, religious places and theme park in Tourism, walking/jogging in Sport; playing music, taking picture, collecting things, and making crafts in Creative Activity and levels of quality of life of parents were significant differences at the level of .05



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