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PRASERT CHUTHA: CONDITION, PROBLEM AND NEEDS OF THE PERSONNEL WITH AND WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN. THESIS ADVISOR: ASSOC. PROF. DR. BODI DHANAMUN, THESIS COADVISOR: DR. WIROJ JIAMJARASRANGSI, 119 pp. ISBN 974-296-148-4.

This 2-group cross-sectional study aimed at studying condition, problem and needs relating to the implementation of the mental health program for disabled and disadvantaged children among the trained and untrained health personnel. Data were collected by a self-administered questionnaire from 184 trained and 209 untrained health personnel throughout the country from January - February 2002.

The results showed that the trained health personnel had significantly higher condition score and lower problem score (although not statistically significance) than the untrained health personnel. Among the trained personnel, those in the north of the country had the highest problem score. Among the untrained personnel, those in the northeast had the highest condition score. Factors which were statistical significantly associated with condition, problem and needs (relating to the implementation of the mental health program for disabled and disadvantaged children) included sex, age, years of service, years of work in mental health field, occupation, position, attached division and number of its personnel, number of beds or size of the agency, number of staff in mental health team, number of trained staff, presence of plan, supervision and support.

In conclusion, responsible organizations should consider and use the findings from present study in improving the efficiency of the mental health program for disabled and disadvantaged children in the future.