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The purposes of this study were to explore work situation and accessibility to Health Service of Thai Child Labour in Chiang Rai, particularly in five dimensions : information, travel, length of service time, quality of service and payment. The study was conducted with 453 respondents out of 500 child labours, during November 2001 to February 2002. Unpaired t – test , Mann – Whitney U – test, One – way ANOVA and Kruskal - Wallis H test were used for statistical analyses.

The results of this study showed that subjects were 16.43 years old on average, most of them finished primary school (49.00%), family incomes were 3,288 bahts per month. About 46 % of them working in agricultural section. Working hour was 8 hours 51 minutes on average, incomes were 1,919 bahts per month, happiness in work 27.10 % and 48.60 % no welfare. It was found that the mean score of five dimensions were 3.66, 3.71, 3.27, 3.55 and 3.41, 45.79 % of them stated trouble with payment. The items of accessibility to health service, information dimension was significantly difference by working hour, welfare ($p<0.05$), travel dimension was significantly different by age, occupation of family, number of family, status of family finance, type of work and welfare($p<0.05$). Length of service time and quality of services dimension were significantly different by occupation of family($p<0.001$). Service cost dimension was significantly different by marital status, occupation of family, welfare and feel of work ($p<0.05$).

These findings indicated that low incomes and welfare may affect work situation and accessibility to health services, especially waiting time, cost effectiveness and service quality process. Those child labour quality of life needs more concern from all related agencies.