ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : The Effect of Self-Help Group on Loneleness Feeling in

Young Elderly Health Center 24 Bangkhen Bangkok.

Metropoltitan Administration

Student's Name : Miss Sudarat Fongsuwan

Degree Sought : Master of Science

Major : Counseling Psychology

Acardemic year : 1999

Advisory Committee :

L. Assist.Prof.Dr.Nipa Keosringam Chairperson

2. Assoc Prof Dr. Siribol Saikosoom

3. Asst.Prof. Khamya Thanyamanta

4. Asst.Prof.Rungyoth Khanvijit

The purpose of this experimental research was to study effect of self-help group on the young elderly loneliness feeling. The 88 subjects were 60-74 years old who visited health center 24 Bangkhen between March-May 1999 and had no problem of psychosis, physical appearance, hearing, sight, speaking, movement. The data were collected using UCLA Loneliness scale and the 24 subjects were sampling random in 2 groups, namely experimental and control group. The experiment was carried out for 8 weeks in 8 session and each session last 60-90 minutes. The data were analyzed by SPSS program using frequency, percentile and t-test

The research results were as follows:

- 1. The young elderly loneliness feeling was significantly less than before the experiment at .01 level of confidence.
- 2. The toneliness feeling of the experimental group was significantly less than the control group at 01 level of confidence.