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The purposes of this research were to study about child rearing practices and factors influencing child rearing practices of families with a single parent in Bangkok Metropolis. The research design was qualitative design studying 6 cases of families having mother as a single parent. The research results were as follow :

1. The patterns of specific child rearing practices due to being the family having mother as a single parent were 1) After being divorced or the death of their husbands, most mothers took their child back to live with their parents. Mother who had been given warm and understanding rearing practices in her childhood had her kinsfolks share responsibilities in rearing her child, while mothers form broken home lived alone with her child or went back to with her mother and took care of her child by herself or had a paid baby-sitter help her taking care of her child 2) The child who lived alone with his/ her mother lacked male role model evidently, while the child who lived with mother and her kinsfolks had male adult relatives to compensate the expected male role model by his/ her father, 3) The child who lived alone with his/ her mother was highly attached to his / her mother, while the child who lived in the extended family developed attachment with both mother and other relatives 4) Mother who had to be responsible to her family all by herself emphasized teaching her child to realize and accept his / her family status and training her child to be thrifty and help his / her own self as early as possible.

2. The factor indirectly effected the patterns of child rearing practices in the family having mother as a single parent was mother's childhood experience of being given rearing. And the factors directly effected the patterns of child rearing practices in the family having mother as a single parent were mother's relationship with her former family, mother's socio-economic status and socio-economic status fo mather's extended family, mother's burdens and responsibilities, mother's relationship whith her ex-husband and her ex-husband's mother prior to her divorce or her husband's death, mother's ex-husbands responsibilities, mother's personality, child's personality, and having other children at the same age and sex in the neighborhood.

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