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The purpose of this research was to study the effects of group counseling on increasing self-acceptance in orphans. Hypotheses were that (1) self-acceptance of the experimental group after having participated in group counseling would increase significantly and (2) self-acceptance of the experimental group after having participated in group counseling would be significantly higher than that of the control group. The sample was 16 orphans at Rajvithee Home for Girl who all had scores on self-acceptance scale lower than 25 percentiles (79 scores from 150). The subjects were randomly assigned to an experimental group and a control group, each group comprising 8 persons. The experimental group participated in group counseling, led by the researcher for 10 consecutive weeks (approximately 2 hours each). The research design was the control group pretest-posttest design. The instrument used was the Berger's self-acceptance scale translated and adapted by the researcher. The t-test was utilized for data analysis.

The results showed that after having participated in group counseling (1) the self-acceptance of the experimental group increased significantly at the .05 level and (2) the self-acceptance of the experimental group was significantly higher than that of the control group at .05 level.