

Jansiri Nakrob 2012: Empowerment, Stress from Pregnancy and Taking Care of Children and Postpartum Self-Care Behavior of Adolescent Mothers at Hospital of Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health in Bangkok. Master of Science (Community Psychology), Major Field: Community Psychology, Department of Psychology. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Tippavan Surinya, Ph.D. 122 pages.

The objectives of this research were to study empowerment, stress from pregnancy and taking care of children and postpartum self-care behavior of adolescent mothers at hospital. To compare the difference of postpartum self-care behavior of adolescent mothers at hospital according to their personal factors. And to study the relationship between empowerment, and stress from pregnancy and taking care of children with postpartum self-care behavior. Sample were 169 adolescent mothers. Questionnaires were used for the study. Statistic methods used in this study were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test, LSD (Least Significant Difference) and Pearson's coefficient of correlation.

Results could be summarized as followed: Empowerment of adolescent mothers were at the moderate level. Stress from pregnancy and taking care of children were at the low level. Postpartum self-care were at the high level. The adolescent mothers with different level of education had difference in postpartum self-care behavior at the .05 level of significance. Empowerment was positively correlated to postpartum self-care behavior at the .01 level of significance. And stress from pregnancy and taking care of children were positively correlated to postpartum self-care behavior at the .05 level of significance and .001 respectively.

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