

The study aimed to find out the relationship between parents' care behavior for preschool age children and their socioeconomic status. The subject were 1392 parents of children under 6 years of age in 10 private schools in Bangkoknoi Region, Bangkok Metropolis. Data were gathered by self-administered questionnaires. The total of 1392 samples was included in this study. Data were analyzed by using percentage and chi-square test.

The results revealed as follow:

1. Parents' care behavior for preschool age children

1.1 Health promotion behavior: 80.0% of preschool children were milk fed, 69.4% slept 8-12 hours during the night, 77.1% brushed their teeth twice a day, 87.9% moved their bowel twice a day. Almost all children spent their time watching television, visiting the zoo, amusement parks and shopping center.

1.2 Disease prevention behavior: 93.0% of children were accordingly immunized to E.P.I. (Expanded Program on Immunization) 73.5% of children received more vaccine than those in E.P.I.; they were hepatitis B vaccine, measles-mump-rubella vaccine and encephalitis vaccine.

1.3 Curative behavior: Once children got sick or had minor injuries, i.e. having had wound, injuries, epistaxis, fever, diarrhea, stomachache and bruises; they would received the appropriate care, 93.4%, 88.2% 87.5%, 70.4%, 68.7% and 68.2% respectively

2. Relationship between parents' care behavior for preschool age children and their socioeconomic status.

2.1 There were statistically significant relationship at the 0.01 level in the following variables: family income and curative behavior of stomachache, educational background and curative behavior of fever , common cold; stomachache and diarrhea, and place of birth and curative behavior of wound.

2.2 There were significant relationship at the 0.05 level in the following variables: family income and health promotion, disease prevention and curative behavior of diarrhea, age and curative behavior of stomachache and diarrhea, educational background and curative behavior of bruise, and place of birth and curative behavior of fever, stomachache and bruise.