

**Thesis Title** Sexual Behaviors and Attitude of Adolescent Students : A Case Study on Homosexual Behavior in the Educational Region Nine.

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**ABSTRACT**

The study was designed to investigate homosexual behavior, some factors which relate to homosexual behavior, and attitude toward homosexual behavior of adolescent students in the Educational Region 9. The research data was collected from 902 adolescent students (male: 426; female: 476) who were studying in high school and vocational school in the Educational Region Nine of Thailand during the second semester of the academic year B.E.2531.

The research questionnaire consisted of 19 items measuring personal and family data, 34 items for female and 52 items for male measuring the sexual behavior, and 27 items measuring attitude toward homosexuality. The

frequency distribution, percentage, Chi-square test, t-test and analysis of variance were used to examine the results of the study.

The results indicated that 2.5 % of the adolescent students showed homosexual behaviors (female: 1.9 %; male: 0.6 %) and 15.8 % were at high-risk of homosexual tendency. It was found that more female students' response showed homosexual behaviors than male students. In three difference types of school (male; female; Co-education) there were no significant difference in homosexual behaviors of the students.

Furthermore, the research showed that there were many factors which correlated with homosexual behavior. Factors, such as: father's expression toward the student, separation from family, and acquaintance with other homosexual, correlated with homosexual behavior in male homosexual group. For the female group, the factors correlated with homosexual behavior were : mother's domination over the family , intimate relationship between the child and her father, father's treating the child like a boy, father's expression, mother's expression, the helping between siblings, and the competition between siblings.

In studying the attitude toward homosexual behavior, the male students have more negative attitude than female students. There were no significant difference about the attitude toward homosexual behavior in three difference types of school: male, female and co-education.

Some opinions about homosexual behavior were shown by homosexual group that most of them (27.3%) received the message about homosexual from television, magazine, journal and newspaper. In addition, most of them (27.3%) believed that the cause of homosexual behavior is identification among the adolescents.

The study showed that there were a rather high proportion of homosexual students and the high risk group among the students studied. It is highly recommended that parents, guardians, instructors, mass media and those involved in the development of adolescent students consider serious efforts to prevent homosexual behavior among adolescent students.