

Thesis Title Contributing Factors to and Effects of Alcohol Dependence Among Women

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Abstract

The purpose of this descriptive study was to explore the contributing factors, and the effects of alcohol among alcoholic dependence women. Subjects were seven alcoholic dependence women who lived in the community of Chiang Mai Municipality during July to September 1998. Using snowball technique, subject were invited to participate in the study. The instrument employed in this study was an interview guide developed by this researcher. Data were collected by indept interview subjects and their close relatives. Demographic data was categorized frequency and percentage and qualitative data were analyzed using content analysis.

The study findings revealed that predisposing factors to alcohol dependence among all these women were unhappy during their childhood and learned model from their family member who was alcohol dependence. Most of the subjects reported life crisis and surrounding environment contributed to their alcohol dependence. Few of them also reported that factors influencing to their alcohol dependence were economic problems of their families and their need to be equal to men. The effects of alcohol drinking on subjects and their family were : health problems; self – destructiveness including suicidal; responsibility defects; inadequate role performance; economic problems; interpersonal relationship problems with family members and neighbours; sexual problems with their spouses;. negative feeling toward themselves. The result of this study can be used for further research regarding alcohol dependence among women.