

The objectives of this descriptive research related to the caring of pre-school children effected from AIDS by house-caretakers in Nakhonphanom province. The sample are the house-caretakers who work with the children 3 - 6 years 11 month 62 samples, the children 84 samples. Sampling by purposive and data collecting all quality and quantity by questionnaire, focus group. The tools for research was structured questionnaires which check the alpha cronbach's alpha coefficient, reliabilities on knowledge on children care is 0.8 and children treat is 0.7. The period was July - December 2001. The statistics were included : frequencies, percentage, arithmetic means, standard deviation, chi-square and Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient.

The results of this study 62 samples age were 20-74 years, the mean age 36 years, 77.4% female , 59.7 % married widow or separated. 82.3 % finished primary school, average income 1,082.3 baht/year. Their knowledge on the children care 51.6% was good, 37.1% at the middle and 11.3 % must improve. On the children treated 49.9 % was at the middle, 29.1 % at the good level and 21.0 % must improve. Personal status, sex, marriage status, health status, HIV status , education level, were not related with the children caring knowledges, but age was related in the negative relation with the knowledge. In the children properties as sex health status the receiving care and treatment on the caringplace were no related with pre-school HIV children effected from AIDS. In the group who caring by the old house-caretakers should be monitoring from officer more than another groups by skill of children caring, extention children development and prepare the ready of family communities, education institute to recognize the children's right for caring them by high efficiency.