

**Thesis Title** A Study on The Social Network of Street  
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**Children in Bangkok**  
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#### ABSTRACT

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street children study have a negative relationship.  
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necessary for understanding their social conditions,  
in both economic and social aspects. There are  
experience and social relationship which street children  
supporting factors such as social and emotional  
respond to people around them. The study is conducted in  
evaluative support, information support, and other  
Bangkok area from July to October 1992. The people under  
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study consist of wandering children, people who live in  
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the area where there are wandering children and government  
and private sectors that work with these children.  
A qualitative research method is used which includes  
participant observation and informal interviews.

The results of this study show that the street  
children is defined by the surrounding social environment.

These wandering children feel like they are not accepted by their social environment. As a matter of fact, the significant reason of being wanderers originated from the children's families composed of many factors such as being misled by friends, being afraid of the wrong things which they have done in their family. These children move from one place to another wherever they can find food, water, shelter including and place where they can earn money.

The social network relating to the wandering children are, for instance, their own families, government officers and private sectors and groups of friends. The latter seems to be the most important for the the wandering children. Also the officers from the government and private sectors have a positive relationships for them, on the other hand, the people who live around the places where the wandering children stay have a negative relationship. A positive or negative relationship is based on the exchange in both economic and social aspects. There are many supporting factors such as social and emotional support, evaluativesupport, information support, and other supports for example, money, food, career these referred supports allow the street children to choose own path.