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ABSTRACT

At present, one of the major causes of sexual behavioral problems among Thai adolescents such as unintended pregnancy, abortion, AIDS and other STDs is premarital sex. Therefore, promotion of proper sexual behavior is essential for reduction of these problems. The main objective of this cross-sectional survey was to determine factors affecting premarital sex among adult learners in Bangkok. PRECEDE Framework was applied to design the conceptual framework. Four hundred adult learners included in the survey were drawn by multi-stage sampling. Data were gathered through self-administered questionnaires. Frequency distribution, percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, Chi-square, Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient and Multiple Classification Analysis were applied to analyze data.

Results of the study showed that age, sex, income, place of birth, religiosity, attitude toward love, values about premarital sex and perception of the result of premarital sex as predisposing factors had significant relationships with premarital sex. Also, living with whom, attending entertaining places, drug usage, dating and touching couple as enabling factors, allowance from parents, opinion and behavior of the close friends, receiving sex information from mass media as reinforcing factors had significant relationships with premarital sex. After analyzing data with multiple classification analysis, it was found that

43.20 percent, 27.40 percent and 22.60 percent of the variation in premarital sex could be predicted by enabling, reinforcing and predisposing factors respectively.

Findings from this survey suggested that both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Health should work closely together in setting up policy, and planning and implementing specific programs to reduce risks associated with adolescent sexual behavior.