

Thesis Title	The Causes of Becoming Child Prostitutes and their Ways of Life
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## **ABSTRACT**

This research is an attempt to study and understand the causes of becoming child prostitutes and their ways of life. To achieve the objective of the study, nine child prostitutes from the Center for the Protection of Children Rights, Foundation for Children, were selected as the sample. Since the child prostitutes were from Bangkok, Chiang-rai and Nakornrachasrima provinces, the investigator traveled to the provinces and stayed there for seven months for the perpose of collect ing data. Multiple data - collecting techniques were employed. These techniques included in-depth interviews, observation, case - history, interviews with key informants and focus-group interviews. The obtained data were then qualitatively analyzed. As the result the analysis of data, the investigator found that the following thirteen factors were related to child prostitution : failure of family institutions, the

weakness of the community, one - sided information about prostitution, inducement, aggressive prostitution procuring strategies, status achievement by imitation, deficiency in parental socialization, failing roles of educational institution depreciation of education, low self - esteem, sex oppression, value of materialism, and attempts to show gratitude to their parents by becoming prostitutes to earn easy money.

The investigator also found that child prostitution came into existence over twenty - six years ago. In those days the community' members opposed and strongly condemned Child prostitution. Later, they gradually accepted the prostitution. Finally, today the parents of Child prostitutes fully accepted child prostitution to the extent they sell their daughter to brothels' owners.

Based on the above findings, the investigator make the following suggestion : (1). The education should play roles in inculcating new values against prostitution. (2). The government should campaign against child prostitutes at the community local. (3). Parents who sell daughters to brothels' owners should be taken legal action. And, (4). Career project should be developed in villages for promoting the quality of life for sustainable development in human resources.