

Thesis Title : Maternal and Child Health Behavior of Southern Thai Women.

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study are to investigate knowledge, attitude and practice on maternal and child health and relationships between socio-demographic characteristics of the mother and those knowledge, attitude and practice on maternal and child health. The sample size is 219 married women in the three provinces in the south namely Yala, Pattani, and Songkhla.

The result of the study reveals that their knowledge and attitude toward maternal and child health are satisfactory. Nevertheless, there are some malpractices in anti-natal, Postpartum and child care. There are relationships between age and antinatal care education and food habits in the pregnancy period, education and taking care of sick child, as well as occupation and supplementary feeding. In a final analysis no significant relationships between other socio-demographic variables and Maternal and Child Health Behaviors are found.