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Comparative Study Between Lecture Method and Group Discussion on AIDS Preventive Behavior of Prostitutes

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ABSTRACT

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a crucial health problem because AIDS is not curable and also there is no preventive vaccine yet. AIDS infected people increasing rapidly especially in prostitutes who are at high risk of AIDS spreading. AIDS preventive behavior is the most essential way to decrease the spread of AIDS. Instructional method, Such as lecture and group discussion, expected to increase knowledge, attitude and preventive behavior. Thus the purpose of this study was to compare between the lecture method and the group discussion method on AIDS preventive behavior of prostitutes. Quasi experimental design was implemented. The sample was composed of 70 prostitutes from one amphur of Ratchaburi province. The sample were simple randomly assigned into two groups. Each group consisted of 35 Subjects, which one group recieved the lecture method and the other group recieved the group discussion method with gartoon

from the researcher. Every subject was measured the AIDS preventive behavior both before and after recieving the instructional methods.

Data were analyzed by using Analysis of Covariance and Pair related test.

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The results were as follows:

- 1. AIDS preventive behavior of prostitutes who recieived group discussion method demonstrated statistically significantly higher than AIDS preventive behavior of prostitutes who recieved the lecture method. (p < .01)
- 2. AIDS preventive behavior of prostitutes after recieving the group discussion method demonstrated significantly higher than before recieving the group discussion method (p<.001)
- 3. AIDS preventive behavior of prostitutes after recieving the lecture method demonstrated significantly higher than before recieving the lecture method. (p<.01)

This study showed that both instructional methods, namely, the group discussion and the lecture method are valuable to be used for improving the AIDS preventive behavior of protitutes but the group discussion method is more effective than the lecture method. It is recommended to work out on the detail of using group discussion in order to improve AIDS prostitutes behaviors in prostitutes and in other risk groups.