

Kanlapruk Polsorn 2009: A Construction of Therapeutic Recreation Program on Well- Being for Children with Physical Disabilities. Master of Science (Recreation), Major Field: Recreation, Department of Physical Education. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Suvimol Tangsujjapoj, Ph.D. 265 pages.

The purpose of this quasi - experimental research was to assess satisfaction of children with physical disabilities to therapeutic recreation program and to investigate effects of therapeutic recreation program on well - being. Subjects were 38 children with physical disabilities who study grade 4-6 at Srisangwan School in Nontaburi province. They were selected by purposive sampling.

Research instruments were:- 1) a self-designed therapeutic recreation program for developing well- being which the face validity was approved by 5 leisure experts; 2) the assessment therapeutic recreation program in developing well- being questionnaire; and 3) a self-administered questionnaire for evaluating well- being satisfaction to the therapeutic recreational program. The content validity of both questionnaires were approved by 5 experts. Both Index of congruences were in the range of 0.8 – 1.0. The test-retest method to find the reliability of both questionnaires were 0.81 and 0.86 respectively. Data were analyzed by using computer program package to compute frequencies, percentage, mean, standard deviation and t-test for testing the differences before and after experiment in 8 weeks.

Findings were found that children with physical disabilities highly satisfied to the therapeutic recreation program. After the eighth weeks of experiment, children with physical disabilities had better changes in both the overall well - being and in each item (physical, mental, social and spiritual) of well – being at the statistical level of .05. Moreover, the social well – being between the experiment and control groups of children with physical disabilities were significant differences in statistics at .05 level after the eighth week of experiment.

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