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Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a crucial health problem as it is a severe situation for which there is no method of curation at present. The number of HIV-infected population has increased rapidly, especially among women and children. The purpose of this study is to study social support and child-rearing behaviors for toddlers of HIV-infected mothers. The sample was composed of 80 HIV-infected mothers who brought their children for follow up at Siriraj hospital, Vachira hospital, Bumrajnaradul hospital and Queen Sirikit Nation Institute of Child Health. Data were collected by interviewing with questionnaires : personal data , social support and child-rearing behaviors for toddlers of HIV-infected mothers. Data were analyzed by using percentage, mean and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient.

The results reveal that there was significant positive correlation between overall social support and child-rearing behaviors ($p < .001$). When focusing on each aspect of social support, it is found that there were significant positive correlations between emotion support , information support , tangible support and network support and child-rearing behaviors ($p < .001 , .001 , .001 , .01$ and $.01$). For child-rearing behaviors, most of HIV-infected mothers had child-rearing behaviors at a good level.

The result of this study indicates that nurses should encourage HIV-infected mothers to have social support so that these mothers will be able to rear their children effectively .