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Nowadays drug abuse is the most important problem in teenage students. The objective of this quasi-experimental study was to analyse the effectiveness of a drug abuse prevention program which used group process (training and discussion) to develop life skills and a home visit program for teenage students who had risk behaviour in drug abuse. The study population included students in mathayomsuksa grade 1-3 in metropolitan Bangkok. The sample group was 76 students from 4 schools and the study group consisted of 34 students from 2 schools.

The study used group process to develop life skills using a model from WHO and the Health Division of Public Health Ministry. The process was 6 lesson plans which included self-esteem, drug abuse, assertiveness, refusal skill, and decision making skill. Activities included group discussion, scenario, role play, practice and 2-3 home visits per family.

The statistics in this study were percentage, mean, standard deviation, Paired samples t-test and Student's t-test. The results were as follow :

The studied group had more refusal and decision making skills, with statistical significance, than the control group but self-esteem, health belief model, relationship and communication in the family were not significantly different.

Nearly 85 percent of the families were satisfied with the home visit program, with 69.7 percent of the families interested in and understanding the students. Of the 67.6 percents of the students who had drug abuse habits, 17.7 percent had a decrease in drug abuse.

The result of the study found that school administrators who take responsibility for the students should apply life skills in learning process and provide home-visits by advisors and school nurses, especially for the students who have problems.