

Juntra Saeliw 2011: Young Children Rearing of Mien Tribe: A Case Study of Pang Kwai Village, Chiang Mai. Master of Education (Early Childhood Education), Major Field: Early Childhood Education, Department of Education. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Chalatif Samahito, Ed.D. 188 pages.

This study aimed to study young children rearing of Mien Tribe in the past and in the present. By using purposive sampling technique, 16 people were selected including 7 experts and 9 parents of young children who were Mien in Pang Kwai village. The research instrument included in-depth interview non-interview participate observation non-participate observation and focus group discussion.

The results showed that tribal Mien Ban Pang Kwai has changed over time. Mien tribe people had family plan. They planned to get married and have children when they were ready. The Mien ways of life and child rearing involved in the traditions, the cultures, the rituals, and the beliefs which were inherited from the past. The care taking after childbirth followed by the prohibited rules and practical guides strictly.

The Mien mothers were responsible to nurture young children where as the Mien fathers were in charge of financial supports. The Mien family members helped taking care of young children. The parenting styles complied with the family financial status and it's community. Sometimes the parenting style was independent and rigorous.

According to parenting and supporting young children's development. Mien parents tracked the family status and its community focusing on the best quality of child rearing by providing love, care, learning support and culture as appropriate according to Mien ways of life.

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