

Runaway Girl Children and the Reasons: Qualitative Study in Government Girls Home Bangalore

Authors : Hazel Johanna J., Ntailang Mary Tariang

Abstract : The paper "Runaway Girl Children and the Reasons: Qualitative Study In Government Girls Home Bangalore" explores the different reasons why children choose this last resort of running away rather than seeking proper help from the authorities. A qualitative study using a purposive sampling method was used to identify the participants based on the objectives. Girl runaway children between the age group of 12-18 years admitted to the Government Girls Home, Bangalore, were chosen for this study. Data was collected through in-depth interviews using semi-structured questions. Thematic analysis has been done using QDA Miner Lite. The main objectives of this study were to identify the reasons behind running away in children, to explore their childhood experiences and future dreams after they leave the Child Care Institution. The findings of this study derived five major themes that have caused the children to run away from their homes. The themes are child maltreatment and dysfunctional families, coerced into adulthood, forced work, adolescent dalliance, and aspirations. As a result, all the themes that emerged here are related to the family in one way or another. In conclusion, it is revealed that interpersonal family conflicts lead to the violation of child rights in so many ways, which in this context leads the child to run away from the comfort of their home.

Keywords : runaway children, dysfunctional family, abuse, child marriage, education

Conference Title : ICCPFS 2023 : International Conference on Child Protection and Family Support

Conference Location : Amsterdam, Netherlands

Conference Dates : February 06-07, 2023