



PREVALENCE OF BEHAVIORAL DISTURBANCES AMONG DIFFERENT AGE OF NORMAL CHILDREN

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INTRODUCTION

Now a day's student exhibits behavioral problems more in their peer groups, school and home environment. Some students have severe problems compared to other students. Keeping this view a study was undertaken to estimate the prevalence rate of behavioral problems associated with school going children in India setting in relation to their age groups.

The data revealed that the severity of behavioral problems increased in the low age groups and some behavioral problems increased in the higher age groups.

METHODOLOGY

The study is designed to find out the rate of behavioral problems among different age of school going students. The subjects were selected from different schools. Behavioral Assessment scale for Indian children by Dr. Reeta Peshwaria and S. Venkatesan were applied to collect the data. As per the study there are 10 main problematic areas and each area contains 150 different kind of problems.

SAMPLE:

All the problems are collected as per discussion with parents and teachers. 180 school going students were selected for the study and applied the purposive sampling technique. Subjects were selected from different schools. Children were further divided into three age groups 6-10, 10-14, 14-18 years.

TOOLS:

I have applied a tool for behavioral problems the tool or assessment scale was developed by Dr. Reeta Peshawaria and S. Venkatesan. The tool name is Behaviour Assessment scale for Indian Children Part B (BASIC-B). There are 75 problems. I have filled up the problems by teachers and parents. The details of behaviour problems checklist are given below:

1. Temper Tantrums - 4
2. Rebellious Behavior - 6
3. Misbehavior with others- 7
4. Violent and Destructive behaviour - 16
5. Hyperactivity Behaviour - 3
6. Fears - 4
7. Antisocial Behavior - 9
8. Odd Behavior- 8
9. Repetitive behavior- 8
10. Self-injurious Behavior-10

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

All the data was analyzed to estimate the prevalence of Behavioral disturbances among different age groups of normal children and are presented in the Table and graphs.

There is a clear cut tendency in the different age groups. The behavioral disturbances is higher in lower age groups 6-10, 10-14 and 14-18 years as indicated by high percentage in the 9 domains of behavior problems, as well as cumulative percentage of the total scale only antisocial Behavior is indicated by high percentage in higher age groups.

Normal children suffer mostly from rebellious behavior. As per the findings rebellious behaviour is higher in the higher age groups in comparison with lower age groups.

In fact rebellious behavior along with misbehavior with others is widely rampant in all the three age groups of normal individuals.

Normal children also have low percentage for self-injurious behavior as this behavior is lowest in ranking amongst two out of three age groups.

The same findings has been mentioned by Eyman and Call (1977), Schroeder Etal(1977) similar findings have also been reported by Jacobson(1982) contrary to this finding Gillberg Etal(1986) and Gostason(1985) from in their respective studies that behavior disturbances were higher in the lower age group.

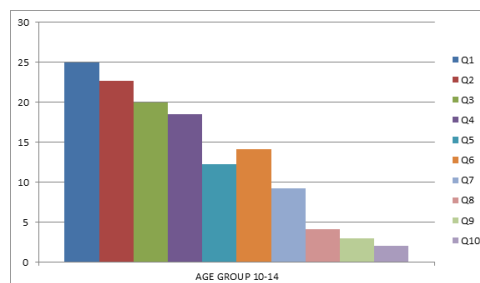
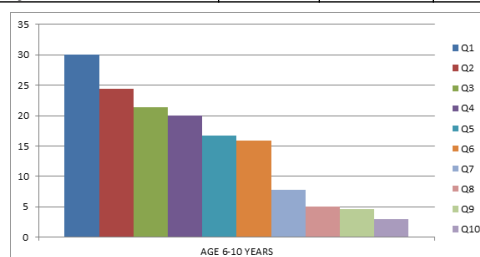
There is need to some behavior modification techniques are as follows:-

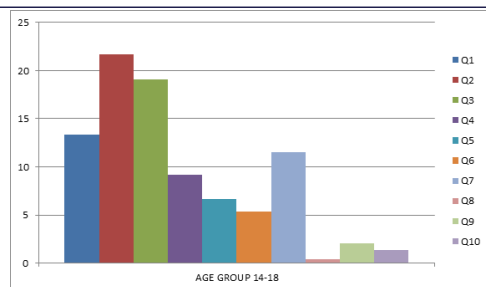
- 1 changing the Antecedents
- 2 Ignoring
- 3 Time out
- 4 physical restraint response cost
- 6 over correction
- 7 conveying Displeasure
- 8 Gradual Exposures for Fears
- 9 Differential Rewards
- 10 self-management Techniques

The teacher will be able to understand the procedure and guidelines for use of the above techniques of the managing problem behaviors.

TABLE

BEHAVIORAL DISTURBANCES	AGE GROUPS		
	6-10 years	10-14 years	14-18 years
Temper Tantrums	30.00	24.99	13.30
Rebellious Behavior	24.44	22.72	21.60
Misbehavior with others	21.43	20.00	19.00
violent and Destructive Behavior	20.00	18.54	9.17
Hyperactive Behavior	16.67	12.22	6.67
Fears	15.83	14.17	5.80
Antisocial behavior	7.78	9.26	11.40
Odd behavior	5.00	4.16	0.42
Repetitive behavior	4.58	3.00	2.09
Self-injurious Behaviour	3.00	2.00	1.34





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