

Abstract

The existing research on Domestic Violence has shown little information about the effect of domestic violence on mother on the relationship mother-child. On this behalf, the study centered his attention on the elements that influence the relationship mother-child thru Socioemotional Investment and Maternal Involvement considering elements related to violence made on mother (severity), made on the child (direct or indirect violence and the type of behavior issues) and on mother (mental health). With this data, this research has intention to contribute with knowledge for intervention planning supporting victim woman giving them Parental Guidance.

The data collected with the interviews made to the 52 woman victims of Domestic Violence reveals a compromised Socioemotional Investment and also a reduction of Maternal Involvement of the victim. The severity of physical violence is reflected on the quality of Socioemotional Investment. The higher levels of posttraumatic stress and the existing of direct violence on the child are elements that affect negatively the Socioemotional Investment and the Maternal Involvement. On the other hand, with the absence of behavioral disorders on the child, these mothers revealed a greater Acceptance on the parental role. This study finds also that victim mothers make their efforts for minimize impact on mother-child relationship.

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