ABSTRACT

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Role of Play Therapy in Helping Middlehood Child Who difficult Regulate their Anger

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The aim of this research is to find out how the role of play therapy in helping middlehood child

who difficult regulate their anger emotion. Emotion regulation is an ability to control emotion and

to show emotion in environment appropriately. Inability to regulate emotion, especially anger

emotion, tend to develop an aggression or behaviour problem. Subject in this research is a child

who live in 'panti asuhan', who show his anger emotion by screaming in crying, rolling on floor,

and take revenge to his friend. Intervention that's given is play therapy with humanistic

approach, which is characterized by the extensive freedom given to the child client to direct play

activities and child-therapist interaction. Result shows that play therapy is quite effective in

helping middlehood child to regulate their anger emotion. After 7 therapy sessions, with duration

60 minutes on each, the subject's frequency of crying and screaming become lower, dan he

does not even rolling anymore when crying.

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