

ABSTRACT

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Social Support for Visually Handicapped Youth who Live in Orphanage (Niken Widiastuti, M.Si., Psi; Dra. Ninawati, MM); Undergraduate Program in Psychology. Tarumanagara University. (Pages 130, P1-P3, L1-L25)

The purpose of this study is to understand the social support available for visually handicapped teenagers who live in orphanages. According Nursalam and Ninuk (2007), there are four forms of social support, such as emotional support, support in appreciation, instrumental support, and informational support. Social support can help adolescents with visual disabilities to not feel inferior about their physical limitations and help them in performing daily activities, while improving their self-esteem and confidence to achieve their dreams. Those teenagers receive support from their family, friends or companions, as well as orphanages. The subjects in this study comprise five teenagers from orphanage X. This study uses qualitative methods. Based on this research, it can be concluded that they have good social support from people around them. However, the most useful support is that obtained from their family.

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