Emotional and behavioral symptoms in children born to mothers with schizophrenia and whitout schizophrenia

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Introduction: Role of mothers in development of mental disorders in children has been shown by many researches. Also, having a healthy society requires each member having a good childhood.

Object: The aim of present study was to investigating the influence of schizophrenic mothers in the development of emotional and behavioral disorders in children.

Method and Materials: The study has been done through available sampling, checklists of emotional and behavioral disorders designed by some researchers (Vafaei, Seidy, 2003) was gave two groups of children: those born to schizophrenic mothers and those born to healthy mothers. 75 children born to mother with schizophrenia and 75 children born to healthy mother. Data were analyzed by SPSS-18 software.

Results: By comparision two groups, results showed that there is a statistically significant difference (P <0.001) between two groups.

Conclusion: Regarding to results of this study mental disorders of mothers, particularly psychotic disorders, have major impacts on the development of emotional and behavioral disorders in their children. Also, these results can help psychiatrist and psychologists in understanding of children's disorders.

Key words: Emotional and behavioral symptoms, schizophrenic mothers, healthy mothers, children.