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Title: 12643- Anxiety and Depression in Deaf Children and Adolescents

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Abstract: Objective: The aim of the present study was to compare anxiety and depression in deaf children and adolescents with a normal group.

Method: The present study was ex-post facto research (causal-comparative). The statistical population of this study was healthy and deaf children and adolescents of Maragheh. 29 deaf and 23 hearing persons via matching with deaf group were selected by purposive sampling. Then, 47-item (NICHQ) about their characters was completed by their teachers. Descriptive statistics and t-test of independent groups was used for data analysis.

Results: The results indicated that deaf children and adolescents have more anxiety and depression symptoms than normal group (t = -2.22, P< 0.05).

Conclusion: Deaf children and adolescents have more anxiety and depression than normal children; however, this point represents the necessity of more and serious psychological interventions to reduce these symptoms in this vulnerable people.

Key words: Anxiety and Depression, Deaf, Hearing

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