

THE INFLUENCE OF FAMILY FACTORS ON PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OF YOUTH IN THAILAND

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Abstract: *The objective of this study is to examine the extent to which family factors such as living arrangement, spending time with family, and family cohesion are related to youth pro-social behaviour in Thailand. This study uses data from the Survey on Conditions of Society, Culture, and Mental Health, conducted by the National Statistical Office of Thailand in 2008. A linear regression analysis is employed to investigate the relationship between the pro-social behaviour and family factors. The findings reveal that good family cohesion has significant effect on determining the pro-social behaviour compared to living arrangement when control for socio-economic status. In addition, the significant relationship is found in the time spending with family and family cohesion on pro-social behaviour. Findings suggest that family-based intervention programmes need to be implemented in order to increase the pro-social behaviour among Thai youth population.*

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