
Behavior strategies in stressful situations among children-orphans and children left without parental care

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The paper presents the results of an empirical study of behavioral strategies in a stressful situation, the orphans and children left without parental care. We consider two groups of children: living in the SOS Children's Village and Children's Home. Among the identified behavioral strategies are presented, such as blaming others (extrapunitive), self-incriminating (intropunitive), the strategy of avoidance, denial (impunitive), fixation on the obstacle, the fixation on self-defense and the fixation on solving the problem. This article also contains the results of the expert survey. His results have allowed to identify four groups of children: children adapted, moderately maladjusted and markedly maladjusted children, as well as non-conformists. Each group is characterized by certain behavioral strategies in a stressful situation. For all behavioral reactions identified age and gender differences in children.

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