

Research Title : "Roles of Social Worker and Social Services  
for AIDS Patients and Asymptomatic HIV  
Infection Cases"

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Abstract

The purpose of this research project was to study the perspective of social workers and doctors on the roles of social worker and social services for AIDS patients and asymptomatic HIV infection cases.

Regarding the perspective of social workers, it was found that 36 percent of the 108 test population admitted the fearing of AIDS infection but the majority of them satisfied with their present job roles.

It was also found that social workers perceived that providing counselling and knowledge were the major roles of their work and that the most obstacle for their work was the

cooperation from the patients' family. In addition, social workers revealed that their weakpoint in performing the job was the lack of an adequate skill and knowledge in counselling and trust from the patients.

Regarding the perspective of doctors who work with the drug addicted or with AIDS patients, it was found that the majority of the test population revealed that the most important role of social worker was to providing counselling and knowledge to AIDS patients and their family. In order to perform the roles properly, many social workers must be trained to improve their skill in group and individual counselling related to AIDS. Besides, social worker had some weakpoints on fearing of AIDS infection, an inadequate knowledge on AIDS and improper attitude toward AIDS patients.

In conclusion, both social workers and doctors had the similar perspective that the roles of social worker for AIDS patients and asymptomatic HIV infection cases should be emphasized on providing counselling and knowledge, coordinating with other organizations in helping the patients. They also show the same perspective that social worker need to improve their knowledge and work skill particularly on counselling.