

Occupational Aspiration of Girls in Joint and Nuclear Family

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Abstract

Aspiration is a craving which determines your path for success .it guides and motivates an individual to achieve success in life and work. Nuclear family is a system of bonding and living parents and only their children with but joint family is a system where not only parents and children share the above but the grandparents ,uncle ,aunts and their children live together. The aim was to study the effect of joint and nuclear family on the Occupational Aspiration of Girls.

It was hypothesized that there will be an effect of joint and nuclear families on the occupational aspirations of girls. A sample of 20 girls from nuclear and 20 girls from joint family was measured on occupational aspiration. The obtained t value reveals that there is insignificant difference between the occupational aspiration of girls from nuclear and joint families.

Key words- *occupational aspiration, nuclear, and joint family.*

INTRODUCTION

According to Webster's New World College Dictionary [2009] aspiration means a strong desire or ambition, as for advancement, honor. An aspiration is a strong desire for high achievement and it is influenced by family background, and the ways in which family interacts, communicates, and behaves .it means the goal that individual set for him in a task which has intense personal significance for him and in which his ego is involved. An occupation is a collection of tasks performed for pay in some organized way because others need to have them done. Occupational aspirations are the thoughts, feelings, fantasies, goals that people have about their work. Occupational aspiration: Expresses career-related goals or choices that provide important motivational momentum for career-related behaviors and future educational and career success (Rojewski, 2005). Occupational aspirations should not be perceived as absurd ambitions. They need to be recognized as joint products of an individual's assessment of ability, interest, job-self compatibility and job accessibility (Baird, Burge, & Reynolds, 2008). Aspirations should be conceptualized as psychological resources that individuals draw upon to decide on future occupational choice, learning, and performance.

Nuclear Family is also known as conjugal, elementary or traditional family. A family consisting of only a couple (i.e. Mother and Father) and their children's nuclear family does not consist of grandparents, aunts or uncles.

Joint Family is also known as the Extended family. The term joint family defines a family that extends beyond the nuclear family. It consists of grandparents, aunts, uncles & cousins all living nearby or in the same household.

PROBLEM AND HYPOTHESIS

To study the effect of joint and nuclear family on the Occupational Aspiration of Girls.
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METHODOLOGY

Tool – Occupational Aspiration Scale developed by Dr. J.S. Grewal was used to measure the occupational aspiration of girls.

Sample – Incidental sampling method was adopted to draw the sample. 20 girls were selected from a joint family and 20 girls were selected from a nuclear family of 12 th class from govt. higher secondary school Balodabazar to measure occupational aspiration.

Table no.1 Data Analysis

| Family | Mean | SD | SE | t-value | Significance Level |
|---------|-------|------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Joint | 44.25 | 9.99 | 2.860 | 0.0879 | Insignificant |
| Nuclear | 42.3 | 7.77 | | | |

Result and Discussion

The obtained t' value of 0.087 is insignificant at none of the acceptable levels of confidence. There is no significant difference between the two groups i.e. joint and nuclear family in terms of occupational aspiration of girls'. In other words, it can be said that a joint or nuclear family system does not play any role in the occupational aspiration of girls. The reason behind this insignificant difference in occupational aspiration of girls in a joint and nuclear family might be that Balodabazar is an underdeveloped area where new occupational opportunities are not discovered yet. The occupational stereotype of joint and nuclear families might be the main restrictions for occupational aspirations of girls. The socio-economic status of both the family system might be similar because agriculture and industrial labors are the main sources of livelihood. Due to the lack of role models and career diversity, the aspirations of girls are limited by the geographical and cultural context of their family system.

Hence the research hypothesis is rejected. The research finding is in accordance with Rebecca June-Schapeler Bergen's (2006) study that had examined family influences on career development and aspirations of young adults. Haller and Virkler (1993) found that the lower socio-economic status of families plays a vital role in occupational aspirations.

LIMITATIONS

The scores on the occupational aspirations of girls can be compared with other girls and boys from different schools. The sample size can be increased and compared. The availability of different occupations in Balodabazar can be correlated with occupational aspirations. The socio-economic status and education of both family systems are other essential factors in occupational aspirations. Hence in these areas, further study is suggested.

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