

A Study of the Normal American Family in Thailand

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PURPOSE: The purposes of this study are:

1. to describe the adaptive responses of normal American families living in Chiang Mai, Thailand;
2. to add to the information concerning the medical system of Chiang Mai town and examine its functional significance for American households;
3. to compare and contrast the history of the adaptation of normal families with historical material already collected from families with a clinically disturbed member.

METHOD: Semi-structured interviews using a series of six protocols with all of the residents within a household group who volunteered their time for research.

PROGRESS: Additional material useful for general comparative purposes was collected from a number of families in Bangkok. This consists of transcribed tapes of a group of families discussing family problems. Considering the differences in method of data collection employed, the information can be used in only limited comparisons.

The data collected from all sources have been reviewed and shipped to WRAIR, where analysis is being completed by the principal investigator.