

## THE CORRELATION BETWEEN ORPHANAGES' INTERIOR DESIGN AND CHILDREN'S PSYCHOSOCIAL ADAPTATION

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to understand the correlation between orphanages' interior design and the psychosocial adaptation of children (orphans) and the extent of orphanages' ability to meet their needs. This study uses descriptive analysis and examines the orphanage and its orphans and their activities. This study examined 20 employees, called "surrogate mother" interviewing them and asking their opinion regarding interior design and how the lighting, colors, or walls or supplementary equipment and accessories used. The study also considered the employees and surrogate mother' levels of education and experience.

The data were fully treated through a psychosocial adaptation scale prepared by the researcher and were obtained from the participants through private meetings. The data analysis, however, was handled by the SPSS statistical program. The results show that employees with a university degree (bachelor's) and five to 10 years of experience were more effective in helping orphans adjust psychosocially, this being linked to the interior design of the orphanage, which facilitated their adaptation. The findings draw our attention to the developmental, psychological, and social needs of orphans with regard to the interior design of orphanages that allow their better adaptation.

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