

Title of Abstract: Factors Influencing Attitudes Towards Stigmatization and Discrimination amongs People with HIV/AIDS

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Abstract:

This research study was designed to explore stigmatization and discrimination related to people living with HIV/AIDS. The study employed the descriptive survey of By means of a self 116 participants. A research questionnaire elicited information on demography and stigmatization and discrimination amongst the people living with HIV/AIDS and the general population. Two hypotheses were formulated and tested. The result confirmed a significant combined contribution of family and workplace attitude, towards people living with HIV/AIDS. ($r = .408$, $r^2 = .166$; $F_{(2, 113)} = 11.261$; $p < 0.005$). The second hypothesis showed that there is no significant difference between male and female respondents in their workplace attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS ($t = 0.200$, $df = 114$, $p > 0.05$, one-tailed). The study concludes that the society should be encouraged to have a change of attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS. Empathy, support and care should be demonstrated to victims of HIV/AIDS in place of stigmatization and discrimination.

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