

Family Quality of Life for Young Children with Special Needs: The Measurement Tool Development in Taiwan

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Abstract

The aim of the study was to develop the *Family Quality of Life Questionnaire for Young Children with Special Needs (FQoLQ-YCSN)*. There were many domains in *FQoLQ-YCSN*. The present study focused on the following four parts: (1) the demographic characteristics (parents/caregivers, family, children with special needs, and early intervention program), (2) family life impacts, (3) family coping pattern, and (4) family quality of life. A cross-sectional self-reported inventory study was conducted in the present study. A total of 192 questionnaires were mailed out or distributed by the social workers or the caregivers accompanied by a gift to the parents of the young children with developmental delay, of which 152 valid questionnaires (response rate 80.2%) were analyzed in the study finally. The results showed that the validity (analyzed by items analysis and factor analysis) and reliability (analyzed by internal consistency; Cronbach α value) of the measurement tools were good for assessing the family quality of life for the young children with special needs. And, we also discussed the further development for this tool for the practical application in the contents.

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