

ABSTRACT

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The Functions of Friendship in Adolescent with Blood Cancer: Miniwaty Halim, M.Psi and Dra. Ninawati, M.M; Undergraduate Program in Psychology, Tarumanagara University, (i-ix; 102page; P1-P3, L1-18)

When adolescence had diagnosed with blood cancer, they had many changes in their life and cause negative feelings in adolescence. Friendship will help them to cope with those changes. The purpose of this research is to give the description of friendship in adolescence with blood cancer. According to Gottman and Parker (Santrock, 2002) friendships gives six functions to human, i.e. companionship, stimulation, physical support, ego support, social comparison, and intimacy/affection. The method called in-depth interview was conducted towards one male and two female. This study lasted for five months, started from October 2011 until February 2012. The result shows that friendship gives functions in adolescent with blood cancer i.e stimulation, physical support, ego support, and intimacy/affection. Those functions are different from the earlier functions before they had blood cancer, i.e. companionship, stimulation, physical support, ego support, social comparison, and intimacy/affection.

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