

Study of the frequency of spouse and child abuse in Ardabil province during 2012-2018

Abstract

Background: Social emergencies, especially issues related to spousal abuse and violence against spouses and children, are important. Also, considering that no study on social complaints and their types has not been conducted in Ardabil so far, the present study was designed.

Aim: To determine the frequency of spousal and child abuse in Ardabil province during 2012-2018.

Methods and material: The statistical population included all social emergency cases in Ardabil province with complaints of spousal abuse and child abuse during the years 2012 to 2018. Information on the frequency, prevalence and ranking of these complaints was obtained through the Behzisti Organization of the whole country.

Results: During the years 2012 to 2018, 4905 cases of spousal abuse were reported in Ardabil province, the highest frequency was belonged to 2008 with 908 cases and the lowest frequency was related to 2015 with 465 cases. During the years 2012 to 2018, 145 cases of child abuse were reported in Ardabil province, the highest frequency belonged to 2018 with 35 cases and the lowest frequency related to 2013 with 11 cases. The highest incidence of spousal abuse was in 2018 (70.44 cases per 100,000 population) and the lowest was 2015 (36.20 cases per 100,000 population). The highest incidence of child abuse was in 2018 (2.72 cases per 100,000 population) and the lowest was in 2013 (0.90 cases per 100,000 population). According to Pearson correlation coefficient, there was a direct relationship between the passage of time and the incidence of spouse abuse and child abuse. This increase between year and child abuse was significant. Among 31 provinces, the best rank of Ardabil province in spousal abuse was belonged to 2016 (rank 29) and the worst rank was belonged to 2013 (rank 24). Also, in terms of child abuse, the best rank was belonged to 2017 (rank 23) and the worst rank was belonged to 2018 (rank 13).

Conclusion: Spouse abuse and child abuse in Ardabil province during 2012-2020 has been increasing. In terms of national rank; The incidence of spousal abuse has a better ranking than child abuse and is at the bottom of the table among 31 provinces. But child abuse has always been in the middle of the 31-provincial table in Iran, which requires interventions in this area. It is necessary to carry out interventions in the fields of holding training courses for the family in terms of establishing correct and healthy communication and investigating the causes and

factors of child abuse in any society, so that the relevant officials seek to eliminate or modify the existing structures with full knowledge of these causes. And be able to reduce child abuse among the country's youth people.

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