

## **VIEWS OF CHILDREN ON THEIR FATHER'S JOB AS A SOLDIER**

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### **Abstract**

Recent definitions related to the family indicate that these definitions are made by categorizing. Soldier families are now referred to with a distinct definition. Accordingly, the studies conducted with soldier families are now seen in the literature. In Turkey, no studies have yet been undertaken related to soldier families, wives and children. This study will explore the views of children (adolescents and young ones) on their father's job as a soldier. The purpose of this study is to reveal the difficulties, advantages and emotions that children with a soldier father have experienced since early childhood. A qualitative research method was chosen for the study. Open-ended questions written by the researcher were asked to elicit the views of children. The collected data were analyzed using content and descriptive analysis. The findings showed that majority of the children are satisfied with their father's profession, social facilities is the greatest advantage, the major difficulty is the adjustment problems resulting from the change of duty station, children mainly complain about not seeing their father very often and they never forget when their father cannot join school ceremonies. Recommendations were made based on the study findings.

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