

METAPHORS OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ON “CHILD”

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Abstract

The aim of this study is find out, with the metaphor technique, the impressions and images of child development department students about “child”. The working group of the research have been comprised of 169 students who have been studying in Kırıkkale University Faculty of Health Sciences of Department of Child Development during 2014-2015 academic year. The data of the research has been collected through qualitative research method. The pattern of the research has been organized in the case of phenomenology. According to the findings of the research, students generated 62 different metaphors about “child”. These metaphors were collected in 10 different categories. The most commonly used metaphor is “the child as raw materials to be shaped”.

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