

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR AND REJECTED SOCIOMETRIC STATUS AMONG ADOLESCENTS

ABSTRACT: Defining the individual sociometric status within a group, i.e. adolescents' status in a peer group, is of a crucial importance for the individual personality development. Being rejected within a group is a category characterized by dysfunctional relations among the group members, disrupted cohesion, as well as the lack of affective attachment among the members. The paper focuses on aggression as a type of behavior which is the result of negative social status, but which can also lead to rejected status. Moreover, the paper points out the correlation of the above stated, i.e. cause-effect relationship between the rejected status and aggressive behavior.

The results of our research have determined a connection between aggression and negative social status. However, the paper has not confirmed the assumption that the behavior of the adolescents who exhibit antisocial behavior and aggression towards their peers can lead to rejected sociometric status in the adolescent environment.

KEY WORDS: aggression, social status, rejected sociometric status, adolescents.