ABSTRACT

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF
FACTORS INFLUENCING THE PSYCHOSOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
OF ADOLESCENTS 10-19 YEARS FROM SELECTED
COMMUNITY AND CUSTODIAL SCHOOLS
IN THE BAHAMAS.

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"Neither the human body nor mind, neither the intellect
nor the emotions, are separate entities which function
independently of each other, on the contrary they are
linked by ties which if neglected endanger the
individual."

(Anna Freud).

This study provides a comparative assessment of the
factors influencing psychosocial behaviour among
adolescents in three specified age groups, in The
Bahamas. It is directed to assist with the development
of preventive public health measures and evaluation of
existing services for adolescents. A knowledge, attitude
and practice survey, group discussions and literature
review were used for data accumulation.

This research highlights adults, parents and the media as
the main contributors to factors influencing the
psychosocial behaviours of adolescents. Other
significant indicators are numerically shown. As a result
of the findings, 'Public Health' interventions in
collaboration with all concerned agencies are essential
for a positive outreach to meet the needs of this
underserved population and to improve existing services.