

Effects of Family Mobility and Maternal Attitude on Adolescent Personality

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Abstract

The effects of mobility on 173 adolescent members of U. S. Forest Service families are assessed using The Adjective Check List (ACL). Subjects were classified by rate of family mobility and by maternal attitude toward moving, as determined by questionnaires completed by the mothers. Mobility rate did not significantly affect ACL scale scores. Subjects whose mothers had a positive attitude toward moving obtained higher scores on ACL scales of Personal Adjustment and Self-confidence than those whose mothers had a negative attitude. No difference was found in scores on the scale Self-control. Limitations of the study are discussed.