



## HEALTHY BEHAVIOR AMONG HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN AJLOUN AREA IN THE LIGHT OF SOME VARIABLES

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**ABSTRACT\_** This study aimed to study healthy behavior among a sample of handicapped children from Ajloun Governorate /Jordan, and in the light of some demographic variables (gender, age) and the type and degree of handicap, for the purposes of the study, the researcher used Healthy Behavior Test which was done depending on Smadi & Smadi\scale [1] to be suitable for handicapped children ,and it was found the indications of Validity and reliability of this scale, the sample consisted of 83 handicapped children (43 males & 40 females) were selected randomly, The results indicated that the level of healthy behavior between handicapped children was low, and there weren't statistically significant differences at ( $\alpha \leq 0.05$ ) at the level of the total healthy behavior and its dimensions between handicapped children regarding to age and gender, and there weren't statistically significant differences at ( $\alpha \leq 0.05$ ) at the level of the total healthy behavior and its dimensions between handicapped children regarding to the educational level of father, there were statistically significant differences at ( $\alpha \leq 0.05$ ) at the level of the total healthy behavior and protecting general health and protecting the body between handicapped children at the educational level of mothers regarding to those of public secondary and below ,and psychological social dimensions between handicapped children, and there weren't statistically significant differences at ( $\alpha \leq 0.05$ ) at the level of the total healthy behavior regarding to the degree and the type of handicap, the results were discussed in the light of the theoretical literature & previous studies, and some recommendations were suggested according to the results of the study.

**KEYWORDS:** healthy behavior, handicapped children, the type of handicap, demographic variables.

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