

## Comparison of Family Structure and Coping Strategy between Runaway and Non-Runaway Girls

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### Abstract

Due to the vulnerability of the runaway girls in the community, the purpose of this study was to examine family structure and coping strategy in running away girls. The sample included 106 girls who runaway and those who do not runaway from homes in Shiraz, Iran .Each participant family adaptation and cohesion scales (FACES III) and coping strategy inventory. Data were analyzed using T-test was used. The findings indicated that both cohesion and adaptability dimensions of family structure and Problem-focused strategy in runaway group significantly had lower than non-runaway. Our findings suggest that family of runaway need family therapy to decrease escape of their children. On the other hands, teaching coping skills to child help them to use correct strategy to solving their problem.

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