

BÖLÜM 5 ◀

ÇOCUK İHMALİ VE HEMŞİRELİK YAKLAŞIMI

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Giriş

1. Çocuk İhmalinin Tanımı

Çocuk ihmalinin tanımlanabilmesi için çocuklara kötü muamelenin tanımını bilmek gerekir. Dünya Sağlık Örgütü 2020 yılında kötü muameleyi “Çocuğa kötü muamele, 18 yaşından küçük çocukların maruz kaldığı istismar ve ihmaldir.” şeklinde tanımlamıştır (1). Başka bir tanıma göre ise çocuklara kötü muamele çocuğun anne, baba yada bakıcısının isteyerek yada istemeyerek çocuğa zarar verecek her türlü girişim olarak tanımlanmaktadır (2). Kötü muamele genel olarak dörde ayrılır. Bunlar, fiziksel istismar, cinsel istismar, psikolojik istismar ve ihmal olarak sınıflandırılmaktadır. Çocuk ihmali fiziksel ya da duygusal kötü muamele olarak tanımlanabilir. Ancak genel olarak çocuk ihmali, çocuğun bakımından sorumlu olan bireylerin (anne, baba ya da bakıcı) fiziksel, duygusal veya zihinsel ihtiyaçlarını karşılamamaları ya da kıyafet, eğitim, sağlık gibi doğal ihtiyaçların yerine getirmemeleri nedeniyle özellikle çocuğa zarar verici kötü muamele ti-

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ailenin sosyo-kültürel durumunu dikkate alarak bireysel bakım sağlamalıdır. Çocuk ihmali oranları azaltılmadığı sürece hem çocuk sağlığı hem de toplum sağlığı üzerinde uzun vadeli sonuçlar doğurmaya devam edecektir.

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