



THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY OF TURKISH VERSION OF THE ASSETS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to examine validity and reliability of the Turkish version of the Assets in the Neighborhood Scale (Oliva, Antolin, & Lopez, 2011). The sample of this study consisted of 250 high school students. The results of confirmatory factor analysis indicated that the 22 items and five-dimensional assets in the neighborhood model (Support and empowerment of youth, Attachment to the neighborhood, Security, Social control, and Availability of youth activities) was well fit ($\chi^2= 311.40$, $df= 198$, $RMSEA= .047$, $GFI= .90$, $CFI= .93$, $IFI= .94$, and $SRMR= .060$). The internal consistency reliability coefficients of the scale were .83 for support and empowerment of youth subscale, .86 for attachment to the neighborhood subscale, .67 for security subscale, .70 for social control subscale, .51 for availability of youth activities subscale, and .88 for overall scale. The corrected item-total correlations ranged from .18 to .70. Overall findings demonstrated that this scale had high validity and reliability scores.

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