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# **CHARACTERISTICS OF VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION OF CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTAL CARE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES**

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*Abstract.* Violence against children can be one of the reasons for separating children from their family and their placement in an institution, but this does not necessarily mean the end of violence for these children. Children without parental care who are placed in residential care facilities are at an increased risk of becoming victims of violence during their stay there. To present the characteristics of violent victimization that these children are exposed to, a systematic scientific literature analysis was conducted. A systematic literature search was made following the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (PRISMA). The results of 10 studies published in academic journals, in Serbian and English, in the period between 1999 and 2017 have been analyzed. The selection criteria included relevance to the topic of violent victimization of children without parental care in residential care facilities, with a focus on studies that provided quantitative data on the prevalence and types of violence experienced by these children. The results of all studies indicate that 90% of children have experienced some form of violence during their stay in residential care homes. Psychological and physical violence are the most prevalent, while sexual violence is less common but still significantly present. Insults and physical assaults are the most frequent forms of violence. Perpetrators of violence are most often other children in the institution. Both boys and girls are at equal risk of becoming victims, but boys more often appear as perpetrators. The consequences of violence are numerous, including physical injuries, fear, anxiety, and problems in social functioning. Some factors associated with violence include the presence of behavioral disorders in children, poor conditions in the institution, and an insufficient number of professional staff. Although all research shows that violence in residential care homes for children is a significant problem, there are very few studies on this topic. The last major study in Serbia was conducted more than 15 years ago, making it necessary to conduct new research on this topic in the future.

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