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#### **ABSTRACT**

Misbehaviours among the children is a common problems that faced by parent and guardians but misbehaviours among the children in the residential care are seldom been discus by the researcher. This case study investigates the factors contributing misbehaviours among the children in the Salvation Army Boys Home Kuching and it does also explore the types of misbehaviours actions that always done by the children in the residential care. The interview and observation were the main data collection procedure. 18 respondents were interviewed which 6 of the respondents were staff and 12 of the respondents were children between 8 to 13 years old. Findings showed that there were 3 main factors contributing to misbehaviours among the children in Salvation Army Boys Home Kuching which were families and social environment, lack of attention and also Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) factor. Besides, the finding showed that there were 6 types of misbehaviours action that had been done by the children in Salvation Army Boys Home Kuching. The findings had contributed information about factors contributing misbehaviours among the children in Salvation Army Boys Home Kuching.

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# CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Children are the most precious group in society. According to Landown (1993), children are the property of their parent. In general the children tend to follow their parents desire and everything seems to be depending on their parents (Payannanda Bhikkhu, 2000). Parents afraid to hurt their child feeling and grant everything that they want and it will cause misbehave among children. Besides, Levin and Nolan (2014), confirmed that children tend to misbehave if their needs are not met. Payannanda Bhikkhu (2000) supports that children showed their misbehaviour by throwing or breaking things and trying to make their parents feel guilty for not meeting their needs.

Phares (2003) stated misbehaviour of the children are related with depression, anxiety and withdrawal which are caused by problem like violence, rebelliousness, disobedience and also substances used in the family. Beside, Baumrind (1991) also mentioned that family social cultural economic, ignorance and parenting style influence the behaviour of the children.

This study attempts to explore factors influencing the children misbehaviour and it focuses more on children who lived in Salvation Army Boys Home Kuching. In this chapter, background of the study, statement of problems, the research questions and the significance of the studies were presented. Limitation of the study will also be clarified in this chapter.