

ABSTRACT

Title: I Will Survive

(Case study of a mentally-challenged Student)

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Many research findings have indicated that mental disability or mental retardation in a child is commonly experienced as having devastating effect on life. This case is very unusual to the society, unnoticed and is being set aside that is why criticism and discrimination is spreading. They also suffer from psychological factor in day-to-day living as a mentally-challenged student, including severe psychological trauma suffered as a child from emotional, physical, mental and social abuse.

This case study was conducted to interpret and described the experiences of a mentally-challenged student.

The main source of data were from the interviews participated in by a grade 10 student of Gen. E. Aguinaldo National High School. Litchman's 3Cs of qualitative data analysis was done to analyze and interpret the results of the study.

The five themes emerged from the experiences are: Undergone Battle of burnout: The physically and emotionally tired on struggles of life, The survivor's weapon, Combating over the battle of the survivor, The participant's hand and guide and The Sparks of the dark.