

szczególnie wysokim rozpowszechnieniu tych problemów w rodzinach robotniczych.

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#### Identification of Children from Alcoholic Families

##### Summary

The US Children of Alcoholics Screening Test /CAST/ was administered to 170 clinically diagnosed children of alcoholics, 38 children from pathological families /others than alcoholics/ and 133 pupils and students of a control group. Using chi-square analyses it was found that all CAST items significantly discriminated children of alcoholics from other pathology and control groups. The CAST scores for children of alcoholics / $M=13.6, SD=8.7$ /, family pathology / $M=1.2, SD=2.8$ / and control groups differ significantly, although no univocal diagnostic cutoff score was found. Using US standards 13.5% of controls were diagnosed as children of alcohol abusers and additional 24.1% as children of alcohol dependent persons. Among students of social work, in accordance with expectations, 32.3% were diagnosed as children of alcohol dependents. The CAST can be useful for group diagnosis among Polish population, but further research are needed to improve its validity and reliability.