

## **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DURING CHILDHOOD**

Socialization process is very rapid during childhood. Child goes to primary school. Between the ages of 6 to 12 years, the child's world expands outward from the family as relationships are formed with friends, teachers, coaches, caregivers and others. Children develop at various rates. Some children in childhood seem very mature while others seem very immature. According to Hurlock and other psychologists social development of a child occurs in following manner :

1. There are signs of growing independence. Children are becoming so 'worldly that they typically test their growing knowledge with back talk and rebellion.
2. Common fears include the unknown, failure, death, family problems and rejection.
3. Friends may live the same neighbourhood and are most commonly the same sex.
4. By acquiring experiences and developing physically, intellectually and socially he tries to adjust himself in his environment.
5. At this stage child feels more safe at home with the world and takes satisfaction by doing his work with his own efforts. He becomes increasingly independent of his parents whom he considers merely, convenient person to provide food and shelter.
6. The child at this stage, develops social tendencies and pick up so many social virtues. He likes to play in groups and shares his toys with others.
7. Feeling of mutual cooperation, team spirit, group loyalty are developed at this stage.
8. Child acts nurturing and commanding with younger children but follows and depends on older children.
9. Child is beginning to see the point of view of others more clearly.
10. Child defines himself in terms of his appearance, possessions and activities.