

## **ABSTRACT**

### **THE USE OF COLLABORATIVE LEARNING METHOD TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S INDEPENDENCE AT AGE 4-5 YEARS AT TK PADMA MANDIRI BANDAR LAMPUNG IN 2014/2015 ACADEMY YEAR**

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This research was based on the lack of children's independence at age 4-5 years at TK Padma Mandiri Bandar Lampung. The research of children who are 4-5 years old at TK Padma Mandiri Bandar Lampung is conducted because of the lack of children's independence. This research aimed to find out the use of collaborative learning method to improve children's independence at age 4-5 years. this research used quantitative approach with quasi experimental method and one group pre-experiment - post-experiment design. The sample of this research was 11 children which was taken by purposive sampling. This research used observation with observation sheet and interview to collect the data. The data analysis used statistic non parametric *Wilcoxon*. The result showed that collaborative learning method could improve children's independence at age 4-5 years at TK Padma Mandiri.

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