PARENTS' SATISFACTION TOWARDS THE CURRENT OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHILD WITH A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IN RELATION TO CONTINUING COMMUNITY LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

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ABSTRACT

Children with visual impairment received life skills training in the community from Child Sight Foundation. The purpose of this study is to find out the parents' level of satisfaction towards the current occupational performance of their children with visual impairment and their view regarding the continuing community life skills training with child current occupational performances. For that reason a mixed study has been chosen; Quantitative (prospective survey) study method focused on measure the continuing facts (satisfaction, performance). And qualitative (phenomenological) method focused on the understanding about services and child performance. A purposive sampling method was chosen to select the participant in qualitative part and Convenience sampling method is chose to select the parents who meet all the inclusion criteria in quantitative part. Child Sight Foundation (CSF) is an organization which works for the child with visual impairment since 2001. This study was conducted in different working area of CSF at client's house in the community. The overall understanding about the study; Participants were knowledgeable about the services and their Childs' daily performance like dressing, bathing, cooking, toilet hygiene, counting money, washing cloth, brushing hair. They could remark the change of their child's daily activities and scored performance with satisfaction in selected activities. Parents' levels of satisfaction towards their child performance were satisfactory, except few activities like personal security, meal preparation. The finding has been discussed with literature support. This study disclose about the child current performance, their parents satisfaction, understanding about services and impact of life skills training. This study also discloses some important recommendation from the participants'. At last the finding of the study will help the occupational therapist and the organization for effective implementation of the services.

Key words: Parents satisfaction, child occupational performance, child with visual impairment, community life skills training.