"PARENT'S ATTITUDES TOWARDS INCLUSION OF THEIR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS"

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Title: "Parent's Attitudes towards Inclusion of their Children with Special Needs"

Aim of the study: To determine the parent's attitudes towards inclusion of their children with special needs.

Methodology: This is a quantitative type of cross sectional survey method where 121 samples were assigned purposively from various inclusive & special school in Dhaka. The Attitudes toward Inclusion/Mainstreaming scale was used for the study. Parents rated all the questions through 5 points liker scale (1-strongly agree to 5-strongly disagree).

Result: The majority parents (99%) of children with disabilities have positive attitudes towards inclusion as they required equal rights for their children with disabilities.

Conclusion: Parents ensure the educational rights of children with special needs and their attitudes worked as a key factor of the success of inclusion. In this study majority of participants were female and majority of the ages of the participants 56.20% were in the age range 28-38 years. Parents identified social and emotional outcomes as benefits of inclusion but they showed several concern for general educator, available special services, and support from teachers and from other parents.

Limitations

Researcher faced some limitation to conduct this study.

- Researcher selected the sample from around Dhaka city. So the result don't represent the all Bangladeshi parent's attitudes.
- There was lack of literature about this study.
- ➤ Sample size was also a limitation. Large number of participants could increase the accuracy of result.
- > Time duration also becomes an obstacle. Researcher always concerned about time.
- ➤ Another big fact was, researcher took parents of children with any kind of disabilities. Parents of children with specific disabilities could express different attitudes.
- Motivation of Parents of children with disabilities sometimes makes an obstacle. Many parents was not interested to give information.
- Researcher conducted this study with parents of children with disabilities. The compare of parents of children with and without disabilities attitudes could explore the full scenario.
- Another big limitation was, Study settings are scattered. It is very difficult and expensive to reach. And also it's time consumed.
- ➤ Inadequate knowledge of parents of children with disabilities about inclusion could hamper the result.

Recommendations

According to limitation researcher drop some recommendation for future study on this area.

- ➤ Researcher found the overall attitude of parents of children with disabilities. But there was time limitation, small sample group. So if someone interested to conduct another study, s/he could take longer period of time, large sample size.
- ➤ This study conducted in Dhaka city. Another study may conduct on other division/district in Bangladesh.
- Another study may conduct with specific mothers. Such as: mother of children with Autism/Cerebral Palsy.

Another study may conduct to compare attitudes of parents of children with and without disabilities.

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