

Factors Enhancing the Establishment of Early Childhood Development Centres in Kakamega Municipality, Kenya.

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate factors enhancing the establishment of ECD centres in Kakamega municipality. The study was guided by a descriptive survey design and data was collected using questionnaires, interview and observation schedules. Kakamega Municipality was chosen as the area of study. Purposive and random sampling techniques were used to sample 60 teachers 10 proprietors, 60 parents, 10 education officers and 10 faith based organizations. The data was analyzed using descriptive statistics such as, frequency counts, means and percentages. The study revealed that establishment of ECD centers is encouraged by; accessibility of children, parents' affordability to pay school dues, parents' busy schedules, enlightenment on the need for children to attend ECDE, pressure from parents and encouragement by the government. It therefore recommended that, the government should provide a specific policy framework within which the ECD centres should be established.

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