Level of Parental Involvement in
PERMATA Negara Child Centre in
Urban-Rural Area

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Abstract:

The PERMATA Negara program was introduced in Malaysia in 2007. It is a program oriented toward self-development of children and focuses on holistic development of children from the cognitive skills, socio-emotional, communication, physical and self-management aspects. This program emphasizes parental involvement in PERMATA Negara Child Centre in an effort to help ensure holistic and balanced development in children. The study is aimed at investigating the extent of parental involvement in PERMATA Negara children centers in rural and urban areas. The study involved 400 selected parents of children at PERMATA Negara children’s centers in rural and urban areas in selected states. The instrument used in this study is a questionnaire adapted from that created by Hanim et al. (2010). Records of parental involvement in PERMATA Negara were used to see the level of parental involvement in PERMATA Negara in both urban and rural areas. Pearson correlation test was run to identify the significant relationship between variables while t-test was done to find out if any significant differences existed between the variables. ANOVA was the analysis used to detect differences in the level of parental involvement in rural and urban PERMATA Negara centers based on demographic variables such as education level, household income, and employment status. This study is expected to benefit educators, parents, administrators of PERMATA Negara Department, future researchers and any party interested in parental involvement in early childhood education.

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