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The Gaps Between Needs and Availability of Childcare Quality

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Abstract

Nowadays, childcare program is growing rapidly. It is triggered by the need for parents to leave their children while they work, especially the working mother. Data showed that in Salatiga, as a small town, has grown 20 childcare centers, which has had an operational permit. However, the author with some early childhood educators fined some childcare centers do not have the standards of education and care. Whereas, childcare is a program designed for the children care, development, education and social welfare of 0-6 years. Therefore, to address the gap between the needs of parents and the availability of childcare quality, expected that the role of government and related institutions to oversee the development of childcare. In addition, to overcome the shortage of qualified caregiver, the government can help them by providing additional personnel who have passed the selection and placed in a childcare centers.

Keywords: childcare, working mother, children development, childcare quality, caregiver

INTRODUCTION

Childcare program is not a new thing in education and child development area. However, this study becomes an important concern for governments, educators, practitioners and observers of children and especially for parents.