

The Importance of Parental Involvement in the Education Process: An Analysis of Its Role and Impact

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ABSTRACT

This research focuses on the importance of parental involvement in the education process. The research used qualitative methods to explore the significant impact of parental involvement in the education process; the eight informants consisted of four high school students, two parents and two teachers. The informants represented different stages of life, ranging between 18 and 55 years old. Through thorough interviews, the study revealed that parental involvement has a significant impact on students' desire to learn, strengthens student-teacher relationships, and makes the educational environment supportive of overall development. The results show that parents play a crucial role in promoting academic success and social development in high school. The findings provide a basis for creating better education policies and practices and emphasize the importance of parental involvement as a key element in understanding and improving the education system.

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini berfokus pada pentingnya keterlibatan orang tua dalam proses pendidikan. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif untuk mengeksplorasi dampak signifikan keterlibatan orang tua dalam proses pendidikan; delapan informan terdiri dari empat siswa SMA, dua orang tua siswa, dan dua guru. Informan mewakili berbagai tahap kehidupan, berkisar antara 18 dan 55 tahun. Melalui wawancara yang menyeluruh, penelitian ini mengungkapkan bahwa keterlibatan orang tua memiliki dampak yang signifikan terhadap keinginan siswa untuk belajar, memperkuat hubungan siswa-guru, dan membuat lingkungan pendidikan yang mendukung perkembangan secara keseluruhan. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa orang tua memainkan peran penting dalam mendorong kesuksesan akademik dan perkembangan sosial di sekolah menengah atas. Penemuan ini memberikan dasar untuk membuat kebijakan dan praktik pendidikan yang lebih baik serta menekankan pentingnya keterlibatan orang tua sebagai elemen kunci dalam memahami dan meningkatkan sistem pendidikan.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The fact that the role of parents is very important for children's education shows how important the role of parents is in shaping children's character and learning achievement. Parents, as the first agent in a child's development, serve as the main model in shaping the child's mindset and attitude towards learning (Irmalia, 2020). During the early developmental stages, children see, imitate, and take on attitudes and principles from those around them, which is usually dominated by interactions with parents.

Parents should not only help the child with materials, such as books and learning tools, but should also help with their cognitive development. Parents can help their children develop intellectually through their daily interactions by providing intellectual challenges, encouraging discussion, or promoting critical thinking.

In addition, parental involvement also has a very important emotional aspect. Children who get emotional support from their parents and their positive presence can build a strong bond between them and their parents, provide a sense of security, and increase their intrinsic desire to learn (Mahmudin & Muhid, 2020). Children who receive emotional support tend to have higher self-confidence, see learning as fun, and are better at overcoming learning barriers and difficulties.

Parental involvement is also important for children's social development. Children learn to communicate, cooperate and form healthy social relationships with their parents. Parents who have good social role models help children understand the importance of working together to achieve common goals.

A child's personal development is not limited to the impact of parental involvement; it also has a direct impact on the child's learning outcomes. Children who feel positive support and involvement from their parents tend to do better academically. Intrinsic motivation instilled by parents can be a key driver for children to study with enthusiasm, dive into learning materials, and actively overcome learning barriers (Hutapea, 2023).

Therefore, understanding the importance of parental involvement in children's education builds a solid foundation for understanding the complex dynamics between the family environment and children's learning achievement. By implementing educational mindsets and practices that engage parents, education systems can provide more thorough and effective support to ensure optimal learning for every child.

A review of previous literature shows that many studies have been conducted to look at how parents help their children learn (Alisma & Adri, 2021; Fabiani & Krisnani, 2020; Ulya & Diana, 2021). However, more research is needed on the different ways parental involvement can affect children's learning outcomes at different stages of education.

By exploring in more depth the specific roles and effects that may be missed in the context of parental involvement in education, this article aims to add to the current literature. Educational practitioners, parents and researchers can gain new understanding of certain aspects of parental involvement.

The research problem is whether there is a relationship between types of parental involvement and children's learning outcomes at a particular level of education, according to the background and research literature. The hypothesis is that parental involvement in specific learning activities, such as helping a child with a research project or supporting extracurricular activities, will have a positive impact on children's learning outcomes than more general involvement.

The purpose of this article is to investigate the specific impact of parental involvement in children's education and evaluate the important role it can play in influencing children's learning outcomes. Compared to previous studies, the main difference is the emphasis given to specific variables of parental involvement and the attempt to find patterns that can help build better education plans and it is hoped that this article will provide new and relevant information to support further understanding of the importance of parental involvement in improving children's learning outcomes.

2. METHODS

This research uses qualitative methods to find out the extent of the role of parents in children's development in the field of education. This research uses in-depth interviews with

informants to find out the extent to which parents view their involvement in supporting their child's teaching and learning process at school. In this study consisted of 8 informants who were willing to be interviewed while maintaining the identity of the informants and when conducting interviews I as a researcher first asked permission to conduct interviews and explained the purpose of the research I was doing. The data analysis carried out is by transcribing the results of the interview, coding and identifying patterns from the interview results.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Contribution of Parental Involvement to Child Development

Parental involvement greatly influences a child's development, which primarily affects his or her school performance. In general, parental involvement creates an environment that helps a child's learning and development. In education, this commitment is shown by supporting children's homework, encouraging them to study and providing relevant reading resources. In addition, parental involvement also affects children's social skills, such as the ability to communicate and cooperate. Certain roles of parental involvement, such as participating in extracurricular activities, helping children discover their interests and talents, and supporting children's research projects, enhance children's creativity and research skills. Parents provide deep emotional support and help children understand homework. Overall, parental involvement builds a strong foundation for children's growth in various aspects of their lives, ensuring that their growth is not only academic, but also well-rounded and sustainable.

Parental involvement in their child's life also involves other elements that influence their character and success in various fields. During a child's development, parental emotional support provides an important sense of security and reassurance (Damayanti, 2023). Parents model morals and values to their children through their daily interactions. They not only help their children complete homework but also encourage them to participate in creative activities such as sports, art, or music. This was also explained by Mrs. Siti (53 years old), one of the parents:

Parents always try to be actively involved in their children's social life, and I believe that being involved in children's social life helps them learn to communicate, cooperate and build healthy relationships.

Parents who get involved in their child's extracurricular activities enhance their experience, help them learn how to behave properly, and build positive social relationships. In addition, supporting their child's research projects improves academic skills and fosters curiosity and independence in learning. Actively involved parents are also more likely to understand their child's unique needs and provide more targeted support.

In situations like these, the specific role of parents is to create an environment that supports the holistic development of the child. The academic, emotional, social and creative aspects of their support help children build a solid foundation for future success. Parents have the responsibility to guide their children towards success and well-being throughout their lives.

When parents are available, the child's connection with the outside world becomes stronger and deeper. For example, parents who support their children's research projects not only help their children learn how to do research, but also help their children learn analysis and problem solving.

In addition, parents can not only be involved in attending school events but also help their children to communicate at home or at school because this can help parents better understand their children's educational development.

Strengthening collaboration between teachers and parents creates a broader and more sustainable educational environment. Parents should not only answer homework correctly, but also provide opportunities for children to work independently, teach them how to solve problems, and encourage them when they encounter problems. This increases children's self-confidence and creates a sense of responsibility for their own tasks.

Overall, children can experience holistic and balanced development with parental involvement. From supporting research projects to building social skills and independence through daily activities, the role of parents in shaping people who are ready to face the challenges of the world with confidence and integrity is crucial (Saputra et al., 2023).

Parental involvement has a significant impact on child development. Parental support at school is an important part of this effort. Not only does it help the child's understanding through additional explanations, but it also creates a positive learning environment. This includes supporting homework, providing learning resources, and providing positive assessments of the child's efforts. This was explained by Mrs. Sara (46 years old), one of the teachers:

Academic support from parents is very helpful. They not only help the child understand the subject matter by providing additional explanations, but also create a positive learning environment. This includes supporting homework, providing learning resources, and positively evaluating the child's efforts.

Parental engagement with children stimulates their natural desires, in addition to academic support. Parents who praise and reward their children for their efforts and achievements help foster a lasting passion for learning. It also fosters children's curiosity towards new things, encouraging them to keep wondering and learning more about what they know.

Children's social and academic skills are influenced by consistent interactions with parents. Children acquire important social skills such as speaking, listening and cooperating by communicating and cooperating with their parents. Parents also help children understand the concepts of tolerance and cooperation.

Parents who provide emotional support build a foundation of security and confidence for the child; a responsive parental presence builds strong emotional bonds, helps the child cope with stress or difficulties, and builds independence in various situations.

Parents help children develop their cognitive skills by talking and talking every day. These discussions allow children to think critically, analyze data, and learn to solve problems, which are skills that are essential for healthy cognitive growth.

In addition, parents' role in teaching values and ethics to children forms the moral foundation that will drive their behavior in the future. Parents build their children's character and teach life values through daily examples, conversations and interactions. Overall, parental involvement influences children's academic development as well as the formation of personality and skills that have a positive impact on their daily lives.

Therefore, parental involvement is critical to a child's development, not just helping them in their education. A holistic state of growth consists of academic support, intrinsic motivation, social skills, emotional support, cognitive skill development, and an understanding of values and ethics. Actively participating parents help their child reach their highest academic potential.

B. Factors Influencing Parental Involvement in the Education Process

In the research conducted, there are various factors that support and hinder parental involvement in children's education. Parents' involvement in children's education is the most important foundation in education. The supporting and inhibiting factors in this case are

1. Supporting Factors

Factors that support parental involvement in a child's education create a solid foundation for an ideal learning environment. First and foremost, communication between the school and parents should be open and transparent. Mutual understanding emerges when students share information about their academic progress, problems encountered and educational projects. Parent engagement programs, which include workshops, school meetings and collaborative activities, provide a platform to strengthen this relationship.

Furthermore, of paramount importance is a deep understanding of the importance of education and the role of parents in a child's development. Parents who realize how important families are in helping children learn tend to be more active. Awareness of the principles of education is also a strong incentive to participate and helps parents provide better support. Having free time for your child is something that is very important and primary.

In addition, the level of education possessed by parents is important because parents with higher education tend to have a better understanding of education and can help their children learn well.

2. Inhibiting Factor

Economic problems can be a barrier to parental involvement in children's education. Families that have financial problems will tend to find it difficult to have much time to participate in their children's activities because the main priority in their family is to fulfill the basic needs of the family so that it will affect the absence of parents in all educational activities owned by children.

The absence of free time due to busy schedules and the demands of parents' work can be an obstacle not only to their inability to participate in school activities but often parents do not have time to just interact with their children and the lack of parental access can also be a barrier to parental involvement in children's education.

To conclude, improving parental involvement in education is a shared task of schools and families. We can create an educational environment that supports the holistic development of the child by building strong relationships, creating plans that enable engagement, and finding ways to overcome challenges. With continuous cooperation between schools and parents, we not only improve the quality of students' learning but also form a solid foundation for their future growth.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on this investigation, it can be concluded that parental involvement is critical to helping students learn in secondary school. Detailing the complex dynamics from the perspectives of various stakeholders is easier with qualitative methods and in-depth interviews.

Factors that emerged in this study included the age diversity of participants, which involved students, parents and teachers, ensuring a broad scope of life experiences. The importance of academic support from parents was highlighted, which involves not only understanding the material, but also creating a positive learning environment through support for homework, provision of learning resources, and positive appraisal of students' efforts.

It is very important to pay attention to the ethical aspects of research as it engages participants in the research process with honesty and responsibility. The study as a whole aims to provide useful information that can enhance our understanding of the role of parents in secondary education.

In conclusion, parental involvement is more than just supporting students in academic tasks; it also helps create a good learning environment for students. These factors underline the importance of parents' role as key supporters in helping students achieve outstanding development in secondary school.

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