

The Impact of Mother's Working Life on Child Education Level

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Abstract

The female labour market participation rates have increased in many countries over the last decades. Today woman get an opportunity to engage in economical benefitted jobs and the family earns dual income. Hence, mother's employment affects her child both emotionally and academically. The objective of this study is to analyse the impact of mother's working behaviour on child education. 100 children were randomly selected from grade four at Siridhamma College in Galle district, representing both working and nonworking mothers. The primary data collected by using questionnaires and structured interview method from mothers, fathers, and children, and the term test scores provided by school. Students, who were not living with their mothers, were dropped from analysis. The dependent variable is the term test marks and the independent variables are the mother's spending hours at home, type of occupation. The correlation and regression methods were used to analyse the data. The mother's working life effects the academic performance for 68% of children. 74% of mothers do not spend at least 2 hours with their child per day. The research finds that mother's working behaviour negatively affects on their children not only academically but also emotionally.

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