

AN ANALYSIS ON THE OPINIONS OF MOTHERS WHO LIVE IN THE CITY CENTER AND THE RURAL AREA ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S PLAY AND TOYS: (THE SAMPLE OF ERZURUM)

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Abstract

Play is accepted as a basic and universal language. Play has an important role in being aware of social roles, identification and unique features, which differentiates them from other others, as giving opportunities to their physical, intellectual, language, pscho-motor and social development. Parents are the prior agents who provide children with play environment. Parents should respect children's play and prepare an environment which is appropriate for children's age and developmental level. It is necessary for parents to give importance on their children's play and toys. Accordingly, the aim of this study is to examine views of parents, who live in city center and rural area in Erzurum, about children's play and toy preferences. The sample of the study consists of 162 preschoolers mothers who live in city center and 128 preschoolers mothers who live in rural area. As a measurement tool a scale which is developed by researcher was used. Findings were discussed according to parents' demographic forms. Then, appropriate suggestions were given. As a result of the study, it was found that children who come from rural area spend their time watching TV. On the other hand children with parents who live in city center, spend most of their time with their toys. Parents who live in the rural area allow their children to play in outdoor however; children whose parents live at the city are permitted to go outside with an adult. In addition mothers who live both city and rural area indicated that they play games with their children time to time. Children are given toys by their mothers as an award if they live at the city although mothers who live at the rural area buy toys to their children whenever the children ask for toys.

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