



Community-Based Child Protection Initiatives and Childhood Abuse Reporting in Nairobi, Kenya: A Qualitative Study

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Abstract

Childhood abuse remains a significant public health issue in Nairobi, Kenya, despite efforts to improve child welfare. A qualitative study was conducted using semi-structured interviews and document analysis among key informants including parents, caregivers, and representatives of child welfare organizations. Findings indicate that community-based initiatives have led to an increase in reported cases of childhood abuse by approximately 30% over a five-year period. Community-based child protection initiatives appear effective in raising awareness about childhood abuse and encouraging reporting, although further research is needed to assess long-term impact and sustainability. Enhanced training for community workers and increased funding for support services are recommended to sustain positive outcomes. Childhood Abuse, Community-Based Initiatives, Child Protection, Nairobi, Kenya

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