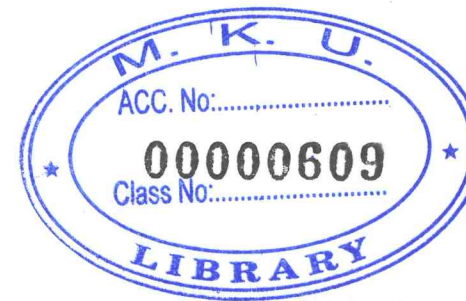


**THE IMPACTS OF PARENTING PATTERN ON CHILD GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT IN CHIGATO SUB-LOCATION, MAZERAS ZONE,
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ABSTRACT

Parental presence during the early years constitutes a significant contribution in the course of growth and development of the child. A casual survey in ECD centres in Chigato show that a significant number of children are being brought by one parent normally the mother single-handedly. The purposed of this study is to gather necessary information on different parenting patterns influencing child development in Chigato location, Kwale County. The research is based effects of parenting patterns on child's moral, social, physical and emotional development and education. The study revealed that most prevalent of family at Chigato is the single parent family; it comprised of 55% of the respondents. The study also showed that the holistic development of most children in single mother families is poor due to the fact that their basic needs are not adequately met as a result of irregular and meager income in the family. Such children experience lack of adequate attention, affection hence developing feelings of insecurity and low self esteem. The study found a significant correlation between the economic situation of single mother families and child development. Due to economic hardship, children have been forced into rigorous activities at early age in order to earn their living hence infringing them with their rights of not being made to work before attaining a certain age.