

**AN ANALYSIS ON THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN RELATIONS TO CHILDREN
DRUG ADDICTION IN EMBAKASI DIVISION-NAIROBI COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

This study focused on an analysis on the role of parents in relations to children drug addiction in Embakasi Division-Nairobi County. Specific objectives were; to determine the effect of type of parentage in relations to children drug addiction in Embakasi Division-Nairobi County, to assess the effect of basic needs in relations to children drug addiction in Embakasi Division-Nairobi County, to examine the effect of counseling and awareness in relations to children drug addiction in Embakasi Division-Nairobi County and to ascertain the effect of formal education in relations to children drug addiction in Embakasi Division-Nairobi County. The study used descriptive research design and data was collected through the use of open and closed questionnaires so as to allow respondents to express their views. The target population was 200 respondents. Respondents were selected using stratified random sampling techniques of which sample size of 60 respondents was selected. Results from the study were then analyzed using quantitative and qualitative techniques. According to the findings, it was established that type of parentage, counseling and awareness, provision of basic needs and formal education affected children involvement in drug addiction. It is recommended that training be administered to parents regarding on the effective ways of raising children. It was also observed that single parenting affected child development and therefore it is recommended that the government and relevant stakeholders contain the rate of divorce or single parenting. Parents were also recommended not to engage in alcoholism and drug addiction as they are role model and children emulate from them. It is recommended that awareness against drug addiction to be started when the child is till young. It is also recommended that this needs to be introduced in formal education system. Parents are also recommended to counsel their children immediately there is need. Parents also need to be trained on ways of counseling their children. This would contribute to diminish chances of drug addiction among children. Due to hard economic times, the government is recommended to cushion the price of basic commodities for the poor families. The government is also recommended to enhance Kenya's economy so that most households may obtain their livelihoods. Both parents are encouraged to establish sources of income so that there is adequate provision of necessities to the households. Apart from making free primary education a priority, the government was encourage to facilitate ways of ensuring that all children attend school. This was argued would eliminate children involvement in drug addiction. It is also recommended that parents strictly ensure that there children attend school in order to avoid 'an idle mind' that contributes to drug addiction.