

**EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE BY PARENTS ON LEARNING IN LOWER  
PRIMARY CHILDREN IN KIMORORI SUB-LOCATION , MAKUYU  
ZONE , IN MURANG'A SOUTH DISTRICT.**

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## Abstract

Early childhood and education was started in the early years with intention of producing children who are holistically developed. In return these children would become active and useful members of the society and the country they live in and hence productive members of the society. However, provision of early childhood education and development has been undergoing various challenges and obstacle which have led to poor provision of the same. Proper nutrition, good health care, trained personnel are some but a few challenges which have been researched on and found to be hindering progress of lower primary Education in Kenya. The purpose of the study was to explore effects of drug abuse by parents in learning in lower classes in Makuyu sub-location zone. The objectives of the study were to find out effects of alcohol on learning in Lower primary children in Kimorori sub-location find out effects of parents drug abuse on enrollment and retention of lower Primary children and establish how drug abuse by parents cause child and teachers to change their attitudes towards lower primary learning and also sensitize the community in the importance of good parenting in improving the attendance of lower primary children. The researcher faced some challenges during the study, such as low literacy people who had difficulties in filling the questionnaires, poor roads networks and long distances. To conduct the study the researcher used survey method, research design. The target population was 10 primary schools, 5 private primary schools and 5 public primary schools in the sub-location sample size. The tools the researcher used in collecting the data were questionnaires. Collected data was analyzed and presented using tables and percentages. The purpose of this study was to explore effects of drug abuse by parents on learning in lower primary schools in Kimorori sub-location, Makuyu Zone, Murang'a South District. According to the findings it was seen that some children fail to attend school regularly due to hunger, while others engage in child labour to supplement family income due to parents involving in abusing drugs.