

**INVESTIGATING THE CHALLENGES FACED BY LEARNERS UNDER
THE CARE OF ALCOHOLIC PARENTS AND GUARDIANS IN
KANGEMASUB-COUNTY, MURANG'A COUNTY, KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to investigate challenges faced by learners under the care of alcoholic parents and guardians in Kangema sub-county, Kenya. The study was guided by the following objectives: determine the extent of the impact of alcoholic parents and guardians on learners; analyze the effect of alcoholic parents and guardians on the socio-economic set up of learners; determine the influence of alcoholic parents and guardians on schooling and enrolment of learners in Kangema Division, Kenya.

The study adopted the descriptive survey method of research. The target population was public secondary schools in Kangema Sub-County. This involved 25 schools, 25 teacher counselors and 144 form 4 students. The study used stratified sampling and simple random sampling techniques to select the study respondents. Questionnaires and interview schedules were used to collect data. Piloting was carried out in two schools not in the sample. Head teachers, teachers and students answered questions in the questionnaires and the Area Education Officer was interviewed. A SPSS application was used to analyze data by editing, coding, classification and tabulation. Pie-charts and histograms were also used to form the basis of report. Conclusions and recommendations were also made based on the findings of the study.