

**FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DRUG ABUSE BY LEARNERS WITH  
EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DIFFICUTIES A CASE STUDY OF RIRUTA  
ZONE, DAGORETTI DISTRICT IN NAIROBI COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of the research is to study and analyze factors contributing to drug abuse on learners with emotional and behaviour difficulties. The topic was chosen since drug abuse among learners has been on the rise and effect should be taken immediately to reduce it if not to eliminate it completely. The researcher analyzed the research into five distinctive chapters. The researcher adopted the social learning theory in his research. The research was a descriptive and it involved a targeted population of twenty three public primary schools, in Riruta zone, Dagoretti district in Nairobi County. Data collection methods involved issuance of questionnaires and interview guide. The questionnaires used were open ended and close ended. The simple random sampling was the method used to analyze the data whereby a sample of six schools was selected. Data was analyzed both qualitatively and quantitatively in form of tables, bar graphs and pie charts. The findings of this research are useful to parents who their children abuse drugs, to the government that provides laws banning drug abuse to NGOs and other researchers as well. It will also enlighten the public of what is going on in the society. The findings showed that there were major factors contributing to drug abuse by learners with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The researcher will give some recommendations to that effect to curb this menace.