

**INVESTIGATING CHILDREN'S AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS IN MAGADI SUB-COUNTY, KAJIADO COUNTY**

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate children's awareness of their rights in Magadi Sub-County, Kajiado County. The main aim of the study was to find out whether; Social economic status of the parents affects children's awareness of their rights, education level of the parents affects their awareness of their rights, place of residence either rural and /or urban areas affect children's awareness of their rights age of the children affect the children's awareness of their rights. The researcher used stratified and simple random sampling. The instruments used were questionnaire, interviews and observation schedules. The data was analyzed using tables, graphs and pie charts. It was concluded that social economic status of the parents widely affects children's awareness of their rights. It was evident that many children were not aware of their rights, infact only 53% of the children age above 10 years were aware of their rights, while 27% of the children aged 5-10 years are and 20% of the children aged between 2 and 4 years were aware of their rights. This therefore means that a lot of sensitizing and awareness creation should be launched and advocated. The school, church and media which are greatest socializing agents of children should sensitize children on their rights to a point where all children know themselves, what their rights are and they will be able to come out openly when they are violated.