Parental involvement in children's education: Why does it make a difference?

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ABSTRACT: Parental involvement in children's education from an early age has a significant effect on educational achievement and continuation to higher education and adulthood. Various psychological theories and research support the importance of parental involvement towards the development of children's attitudes and why parents need to become involved in their children's elementary and secondary education. This article suggested that parents play a major role in children's situations, relating it to different types of research and examples found by experts in their research articles. Thus, all of these were taken into consideration and re-visited in-depth by the researcher.

Key words: Parental involvement, children, motivation, academic performance, parent-child relationships

1. INTRODUCTION

In research, many previous research has suggested that parental involvement has a significant impact on children's cognitive development and learning, and even their self-esteem. Parental involvement in a child's schooling for a child between the ages of 2 and 6 is a more powerful factor than family background, size of family and level of parental education. Parental involvement has been described as a relationship between parents and children throughout the course of schooling. Many researchers argue that parental involvement in children's learning is a key factor in improving children's learning and development. However, the effectiveness of parental involvement depends on various factors. From researchers are crystal clear. When parents have the knowledge, skills and confidence to provide their children with the best learning environment, children tend to learn and develop. It makes a real difference to children's learning. During the first two years of life, the brain makes trillions of new connections between nerve cells in response to their environment. Understanding and targeting these connections, and providing the right environment for learning is crucial. Therefore, parental involvement in children's education is essential.