

Example of research methods essay

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Research Question:

If mothers have full-time employment outside the home, does it increase the number of disciplinary cases among the children?

Hypothesis

With increased in the number of hours a parent, specifically the mother, is employed outside the home, this increases the number of disciplinary cases among the children.

Variables

Independent Variable: Hours employed outside of home

Conceptual definition: The effect hours of work outside the home has on the dependent variable

Operational definition: They will be asked how many hours/week they work outside the home in a survey

Dependent variable: disciplinary cases

Conceptual definition: the effect of hours of work outside the home on disciplinary cases of children

Operational definition: they will be asked how many disciplinary infractions they have been involved in per semester from their school data.

The research also needs to put into consideration ‘ hours employed in the home’ and ‘ part-time employed mothers’ in order to find a base of comparison. In rare cases, stays at homes dads do exist and this happens to have significant effect on the disciplinary cases of the children hence should be considered in the study.

The methodology to be used will be sample survey that involves face to face interviews, use of questionnaires to the respondents. This will be conducted on both the kids and the parents. The kids will be interviewed in their schools while the parents will be interviewed in the neighborhood and at their places of work.

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