



ISSUES ON EARLY WEDLOCK: BASIS FOR NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OF YOUNG MOTHERS

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ABSTRACT

The study focused on the challenges faced by young mothers who became pregnant and married at an early age in Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal. It aimed to identify the difficulties the participants experienced and to assess the extent of these issues in various areas, including physical health, mental and psychological well-being, economic stability, human rights, socio-emotional factors, and family dynamics. Additionally, the study sought to identify the specific needs of these young mothers to help improve their personal development and living conditions. These needs would serve as a foundation for the researchers' recommendations, which centered on enhancing knowledge about motherhood roles, family planning, personal development, and improving living standards. Most of the young mothers in the study were in the early adulthood stage, lived with their parents, and were married. The majority had one child, were college undergraduates, and came from families where the parents were primarily high school graduates. The pre-survey revealed that many respondents faced issues related to physical health, family dynamics, and personal matters. The most significant factor for them was economic stability, as it directly affected their ability to purchase basic necessities. The preliminary hypothesis was largely rejected, with the exception of findings related to parents' educational attainment and physical health. This was notable, as children of educated parents

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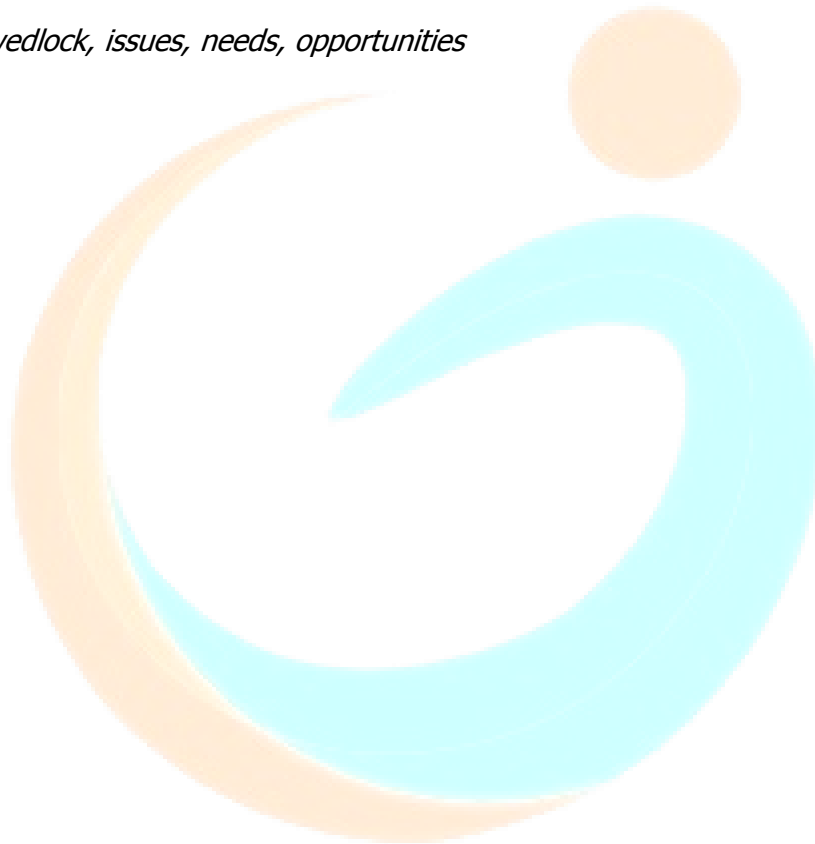
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were more likely to seek medical advice from physicians, while those from less educated backgrounds tended to rely on traditional medical practices. The study underscored the need for literacy training and education for their children. Consequently, the researchers recommended the development of an extension program to address the specific needs of these young mothers.

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