

VULNERABILITY IN CHILDREN IN UK AND STRATEGIES FOR FIGHTING THIS

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Introduction

Juniority refers to a particular period of development especially from after birth until a baby is fully adult. Several factors can influence this early developmental stage especially; parenting is one of the crucial factors, as this early stage is particularly controlled by parents. Therefore, parents' behavior greatly impacts a child's mindset. This is not the only factor; the socioeconomic background of the family is also much vital as it plays a key role in the upbringing of a child. In regard to healthcare services, is also much significant in the proper development and for this perfect guidance from medical experts and constant monitoring of a child's growth are necessary. Therefore, it can say that child's health condition must be checked regularly to prevent serious diseases, especially after birth. For maintaining such practice prenatal health care is also vital as it prevents the mother from giving birth to a child with defects.

Not only this social background but also political background plays an important role as it affects the child's mentality towards society. Satisfactory residency, ideal healthcare service, proper education, and a stress-free atmosphere help a child's growth normally. It will also allow them to be friends with other children and their bonding will be strong enough. In this way, several factors influence a child's growth in different ways.

Development of social construction of childhood

The social foundation of childhood must be strong enough to ensure the development of the child in a proper way. Ideal juniority is mainly created by the active participation of society and its rules and regulations indirectly affect a child's healthy growth. However, the idea of actual juniority has changed from the past, and nowadays it is modified. In the past, there was a lack of communication and also lack of proper healthcare services was evidenced. There was also another huge issue, is lack of general awareness regarding childcare. This was not the only issue in those days; people were also unaware of actual maternal healthcare (Jensen *et al.*

2020). These days, with the proper guidance of medical experts and advanced technology, it has become possible to detect any health-related issue in the fetus. Then, considering the situations medical experts take consequent actions and, in these ways, it has become possible these days to reduce the mortality rate of expectant mothers. This is not the only way that social construction has been changed, other factors can prove community changes from the past to the current scenario.

For healthy physical, mental and behavioral growth of a child it is major to provide him with the proper background so that he can enjoy his juniority and will be able to develop smoothly. Therefore, a strong base in society is important, it will not only help him to grow with other children but will also teach him social activities. There is a huge cultural difference in society and it will help them to grow together. Children from different cultural backgrounds are treated equally in educational institutions and healthcare centers and this is the most appreciable judgment of society (Gemara *et al.* 2021). Thus, it can be said that these activities of society will strengthen the bond between individuals as children are the future pillars of society, they must maintain this strong bond of unity. In these ways role of the construction of society is enormous in the healthy development of children.

Changes in the lives of children from historical to current times

Several factors have changed the lives of children from the past to the current situation. In the past years, the healthcare system was not improved enough therefore, there was a huge mortality rate of expectant mothers and also a huge rate of children with birth defects. In the current situation, it has become possible for medical experts to monitor the health condition of the mother regularly to avoid defective childbirth through using advanced technologies (Hareven, 2019). This is not the only way the lives of young people have been changed, numerous socio-economic and environmental factors played a huge role in this change. The changes started to become visible from the early **nineteenth century** especially, in the field of education. Elementary education has become a compulsory part of juniority, and it has become fixed for the institutions to maintain rules and regulations strictly to develop children's interest in learning.

Another noticeable change has come forward, which is changes in the healthcare system and childcare activities. For this, every nation is applying several policies to reduce the child death rate and the respective local government is also taking initiatives to secure child protection (Prentice and White, 2019). The government is taking active participation in childcare services by applying proper vaccination strategies and by arranging medication for expectant mothers. Nowadays, medical experts are also playing a huge role in society by giving proper treatment to children and by making people aware of the necessity of proper vaccination. They are also

applying advanced medical instruments to identify serious diseases, then they can start their respective treatment in no time. In this way healthcare sector is improving day by day and this sector is applying new strategies and technologies for the welfare of children in the community. In the past years, there are huge evidence of child-related crimes, and this is not the only issue, another important factor was child-worker. Financially weak people made their children work in industries and particularly in gold fields and in return they earned money. There was a huge lack of social awareness regarding child-worker and childcare and also some communal problems regarding the education of children from economically backward families (King, 2020). Therefore, there was an increased death rate of children due to excessive labor, scarcity of food, and lack of proper treatment. After several years, governments of each nation across the world made strict rules regarding child workers. It was declared that children below a certain age cannot work in these fields, and they also made strict norms to secure their rights to education. These norms must be maintained by every industry as respective authority will punish company members for violation of these rules.

This is not the only way to change, the administration authorities of each nation have secured the rights of fundamental education. The responsibilities of respective educational institutions to fulfill this mission is also much significant (Saha and Kamal, 2018). Therefore, it can be said that education and proper healthcare service are the foundation of a community. For this reason, these two categories must be equal for children from every background and the government must ensure that every child is getting a proper judgment.

Factors for improving the lives of children

There are several scopes to improve the lives of children and enhance childcare services in several ways. Every nation has different laws regarding the protection of juniority and it is also progressing day by day. It has been discussed above that in the past community was not aware of childcare-related issues and was not taking enough initiatives to prevent **juvenile crimes**. Nowadays, **juvenile crime** has become a serious issue, and to avoid these problems, respective governments are taking necessary actions (Masten and Barnes, 2018). There are several rules that have been made clear, first young above a certain age must take responsibility for their activity and they must be punished for any crime from this stage. The mode of punishment is dependent on the severity of the case and based on the collected information, the case will proceed further. The government has also made it clear that children must take elementary education up to a certain age and before finishing this they cannot work. Especially it is strictly prohibited for young below a certain age to work in risky fields.

The actual educational life begins at home and it is considered that the parents are the first teacher, therefore, the atmosphere of the home greatly influence a child's behavior and

communal activity. The proper environment of the home also helps a child with mental growth and enhances his creativity from an early age. A healthy environment also enhances his interest in learning new activities and making new friends. In this way home plays the important role in a child's growth and bonding with family members helps him to overcome difficult situations (Sameroff and Seifer, 2021). Therefore, it can be said that family support is necessary, as these days children are not getting proper attention from their parents, for this reason, juvenile crimes have become an important issue these days. In this situation, not only strict rules and laws by the government can solve this matter, for this matter family support and time are vital. Children seek attention from their parents, and it is the parents' responsibility to guide them appropriately.

Another essential element for improvement is a healthcare system, strong healthcare, and routine check-up of children with medical experts will automatically affect a child's psychology. After a certain age, he can understand the necessity of medication and treatment and he may be interested in this field. This is not the only way to improve child behavior, proper maintenance of hygiene in front of young individuals will also influence maintain this (Hart and Brando, 2018). In this way spread of infectious diseases can be stopped specifically among juniors. They will also become aware of their surroundings and that indirectly impacts their general activity, particularly while interacting with other children in a community. For these improvements to be achieved, first it is vital to arrange good education and that must be provided to every child of a community. There are several organizations that are also taking initiatives to improve child health such as **UNICEF**, members of this organization ensure the safety of children of every country in numerous ways (Ghimire *et al.* 2020). The most important factor of this organization is to ensure nutrition for children and for these initiatives the mortality rate of children due to malnutrition has decreased to a great extent.

Recommendation for improvement and potential impacts on childhood

Therefore, it can be said that several recommendations can be applied to improve the present situation in children's lives particularly in the **UK**. Specifically, to improve child health, it is vital to begin from the time after birth, and from that time necessary vaccinations must be done to ensure safety. This will also protect them from further infectious diseases in the future and will build a healthy community. The betterment can also be done by enhancing new strategies regarding food and nutrition for children. Therefore, social workers are also working on these tactics to secure proper nutrition specifically for kids belonging to financially weak families. In this way, the medical management sector is helping economically poor people to combat malnutrition (Chandan *et al.* 2020). This is not the only way of helping, these agencies also

provide essential vitamins, folic acid capsules, and other vital medicines to expectant mothers to prevent the birth of unnourished children.

After the birth of a child, it is vital to develop him in a healthy way physically and mentally, though the physical growth can be regularly monitored by medical experts. Still, mental or behavioral growth is particularly dependent on the family background and the activities of family members. The bonding between members helps him to grow a healthy mentality towards the community and it will support him to face many difficult situations. This flourishing environment at the home prevents him from committing any crime and as he grows, he also learns about his duties toward the community (Schreier *et al.* 2019). Nowadays, the biggest problem is the lack of bonding between family members, and that negatively influences a child's mentality. Due to a lack of attention from their parents, they become alone and surrounding circumstances influence them to commit an offense. Therefore, it can be recommended for parents to guide their precious children in a healthy way so that they can accomplish their goals. This will also help them to become successful in their respective career paths in the future.

Clear and well-structured response and evidence

There are numerous pieces of evidence have been recorded across the world regarding teenage violence and it has become a serious issue. Several causes have been identified for these types of offenses, the main cause is that-mistreatment and household violence in the early stage of development negatively impact their mentality toward the community. Therefore, to reduce the number of these crimes, several responses from various countries have been recorded (Cooke *et al.* 2021). According to these responses, it has become possible to identify the areas for betterment. There are several main fields that are needed to be developed including the development of accurate soft skills in this memory, creativity, and intellectualism are involved. Another important one is behavioral skill development, within this, the child's response to a specific question and his interaction with others are noted.

Other responses include the activity of several organizations to secure child rights and responsibilities. Their rights are equal to adults, and it is needed for the young to realize this justice for their welfare, this will also help them to identify their full potential. The aim of this well-structured response is to make adults realize that kids are active members of a family, and they must have the freedom to share their expressions (Tillson and Oxley, 2020). This is not the only objective of the response; it also makes sure that the government is taking the ideal initiative to protect the truthfulness of the young population. There are several shreds of evidence from the past to the current situation that the government has taken enough initiatives to secure their rights in the education and medicinal management sector. Especially

in the case of the **UK**, these responses have played an important role and these have been taken seriously to combat this situation.

Conclusion

It can finally be concluded that the situation regarding **juvenile crime** can be improved in no time by applying the strategies accurately. There are numerous improvement tactics have been discussed above and for this application active cooperation of healthcare, units are important. These studies have been discussed thoroughly and the problems have also been identified properly also the solution strategies have been mentioned here. A comparison between the past and present scenarios has also been made to better understand the progress in this particular situation. The difference between past and present conditions has mainly focused on the lack of general awareness regarding childcare and also the mentality of common people regarding this subject has been highlighted here. The foundation and a basic idea of common folks regarding community is changing day by day and for this change, education plays a significant role, it is opening the eyes of common individuals. Therefore, it can be expected that this situation will improve in the future as the government is taking consequent actions to fight this. Thus, the role of community care units in this exact matter must not be neglected.

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