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Social development in children: An analysis

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Abstract

Social Development in children is a learning process and building up of human personality. This is the responsibility of school teacher, and home/parents that children must be fully developed in social relationship, as well how a child handles conflict with peers. For social development in children new techniques and methodology must be explored in the present era.

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Introductions

What is social development?

Social development refers to the process by which a child learns to interact with others around them. As they develop and perceive their own individuality within their community, they also gain skills to communicate with other people and process their actions. Social development most often refers to how a child develops friendships and other relationships, as well how a child handles conflict with peers. This not only shows growth and development in physical, mental, and emotional levels, but also on social level too. Child social activities grow with the passage of time, which is called socialization process, which continues throughout the life.

In broad terms it can be said that social development process is aimed at structuring the human activities in order to improve the results of human efforts. It is the process of increasing the human potential. Across the globe humanity's development is quite random. While some countries achieve higher standards of living, others still struggle to obtain decent survival conditions. Furthermore, even in the so called developed countries, there are still a lot of imbalances. While some people manage to improve themselves, others have problems integrating the system and remain on the lower steps of society. Within a certain country the problems arise from the access to education as well as the ways in which different individuals assimilate the education. At a global level, society's lack of development is caused by the disagreements between countries, as well as a lack of unity.

Importance

Social development can actually impact many of the other forms of development of child experiences. A children's ability to interact in a healthy way with the human being around them. It can impact everything from learning new words as a toddler as being able to resist peer pressure as a high school student, to successfully navigating the challenges of adulthood. Healthy social development can help the child strongly to able to understand and peers.

The main population sector where social development needs to be applied is children. The current educational systems approach all children in a general manner without taking into account the differences between them. Furthermore, knowledge is forced on children without taking them being able to understand its importance. A couple of factors that need to be taken into account when formulating social development theories are emotional status, social behavior, social interactions, social relationships, peers, cooperation and so on. All these factors need to be taken into account and need to be integrated in a child education in order for him to become a functional adult that can adapt in modern societies.

From infancy through school age, the child goes through various important stages of social development. Every child is different, but most reach the same milestones near the same time as their peers. Social development in child may be more difficult to track than his physical development, but it is equally important because it affects his self-esteem and relationship skills throughout his life.

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Social development is not discussed about as much as some other developmental measures, it can be hard for parents to understand the process and to evaluate how their child is developing in this area. There are some basic developmental milestones at every stage of life of child.

Toddler Talking and Tantrums

During the toddler stage up-to 2 years, child's language skills is being improved which helps them to form relationships. However, they may still prefer playing either alone or amongst the children. When they do begin to reach out to other children to play, their style will be unsophisticated. They don't understand how to share or cooperate, meaning hitting, yelling and crying are all common aspects of toddlers' social interaction. Some toddlers begin to show a preference for particular friends around the age of 24 months as per Baby-Center reports.

Preschool Patience

During the preschool stage 3 to 5 years old – children are better equipped to verbalize their emotions, instead of communicating through physical gestures or aggressive behavior. Greater confidence and independence allows them to explore relationships on her own terms, says PBS Parents.

School-Age Skills

From around the age of 6, your child may have a best friend -- although who that is may change on a regular basis. According to PBS Parents, he may have the social skills necessary to handle longer play dates and sleepovers respect, patience and kindness. The early grade of school going children may still require a lot of parental guidance, supervision and reassurance, but the need for this will decrease as they moves toward adolescence.

Develop language skills & build self-esteem

This process is an ability to interact with other children allows for more opportunities to practice and learn speech and language skills. This is a positive cycle, because as communication skills improve, a child is better able to interact or react to the people around him. When a young child is unable to make friends it can be frustrating or even painful. A healthy circle of friends reinforces a child's comfort level with her own individuality. Stronger self-esteem and better language skills can ultimately lead to a better ability to resolve differences with peers.

Strengthen learning skills

To impact social development, it can have on general communication skills, many researchers believe that having healthy relationships with peers allows for adjustment to different stages. Studies show that children who have a hard time getting along with classmates as early as preschool are more likely to experience later academic difficulties.

A positive attitude ultimately leads to better relationships with others and higher levels of self-confidence.

To strengthen skills, media plays important role now a days amongst the children. It is very easy for them to access all kinds of information, most commonly available informational machines like internet, cable TV and Mobile phones. All these means of information can be used in positive and negative ways. Now it is the responsibility of parents/school teacher of children to guide them on the right path. It can be hard for parents to understand and to evaluate

how their child is developing in this area. There are some basic developmental milestones at every age, as well as some helpful tips a parent can use to support their child.

Parent can do

- Respond to your baby promptly as your child is learning how to trust someone.
- Make eye contact to get down to their level and connect visually when interact with them.
- Needs prompt reply and talk to your baby, always pausing to allow them to respond.
- Play by copy their words and actions. This teaches your child that even if you “disappear” you will come back, and sets the stage for less stranger anxiety in the future.
- Involve your baby in daily activities such as running errands or visiting friends. It shows them how you interact with others in a respectful, positive way.
- To arrange play dates so that your child can interact with peers.
- Demonstrate your own love through words and physical affection which is a great way to begin teaching a child how to express other emotions as well.
- Help your child express their emotions by talking through what they are feeling.
- Play with your child in a “peer-like” way to encourage cooperative which is helpful when they are in a group environment and have to share toys and cooperate. Continue to provide play dates and opportunities to interact with other children.
- Provide examples of your trust in others, such as your own friendships or other relationships

Social development of child is a complex issue that is constantly changing. But the parents can have a big impact on how it progresses. By boosting healthy relationships and staying connected with child, parents can help them relate to the people around them in positive ways. By encouraging them to engage with other children and adults, you're setting them up to enjoy the benefits of social health from good self-esteem to strong communication skills to the ability to trust and connect with those around them.

Social development is a concept that is not very well defined in modern societies. In the absence of valid theories, most societies continue to experiment with various strategies that are aimed at improving the development of a society. It is important to understand that the main objective of this type of development is the individual. The integration of a person into a society is made through education. However, the educational system is going through constant changes that make little to no progress in this matter.

The school is the second social system in which a child is integrated, after the family; therefore, in order for him to focus on the purpose of this system, he needs to take certain developmental steps. The first element of social development are the parental interactions but as he integrates an educational system, he needs to develop social skills in order to progress. So far people had to develop social skills on their own. However, while some are born with a certain social flexibility, others experience more difficulties in integrating social structures. If more emphasis was put on the development of children social skills, they would have an easier time reaching the next steps of their development.

The family has a great impact on the social and personal development of a child. It is the family that transfers knowledge, experience, values and traditions from generation to generation. Thus, a friendly atmosphere in the family trusting relationships and respect for each other are necessary for the normal development of a child. The main role of the family in educating children is as a foundation for moral education and religious life. Family environment is the first educational environment because in this family every individual or a child first get education and guidance. Therefore, the family has a very important influence in the period of child development in order to have a basic knowledge of the ethics and norms.

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