



Development of Health Promotion Practice for Pre-school Child Care Center in Community in Thailand

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Abstract:

The study investigated the health promotion activities in the pre-school child care center and developed a health promotion practice for child care center and factors influencing the health promotion activities in child care center in community. Qualitative design was studied. The data collected by focus groups of all 19 teachers, child care volunteers and in-depth interviews of all 10 teachers. Data were analyzed by content analysis. Health promotion activities in child care center are followed by the standard quality child center of Thai Ministry of Public Health. The majority of teachers and child care volunteers had their full responsibilities take care of children's health. The health promotion activities were improvement developing plan of teachers and child care volunteers, nutritional services, child developmental assessment, environmental health and infection control. Development of health promotion practice was based on the needed of teachers and child care volunteers included nutritional health promotion and child developmental activities. Important factors supporting the child health management of teachers and child care volunteers were leadership, network, and capability of personnel. The main barriers were manpower and budgets that did not facilitate collaboration for child care management and communicating with parents. Teachers and child care volunteers play a key role in child health care during day time. Nurses should also provide well-coordinated health care plans for health promotion when confronting health problems and continuous transferring information to teachers and child care volunteers. In addition, health care professionals must be sufficiently allocated to each community to enhance the capability of taking care children at the child care center.

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