

Needs of mothers of new born babies in the area of child care and development

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■ **ABSTRACT :** The present study has been undertaken with the primary objective *i.e.* to assess the needs of mother of new born babies in the area of child care and development. Hundred numbers of mother having babies from the age group of birth to six month were selected from government hospital, nursing home and from urban and rural areas of Jorhat district of Assam. An interview schedule was prepared as tool for data collection. The findings of the study revealed that higher percentage of mothers have the feelings that they have knowledge about child care and development, but when these mothers were asked various questions on different aspects of child care the entire mother could not give correct response. When the needs of mothers were assessed it was found that 91 per cent of the mothers want to enhance their knowledge on child care. It is evident from the results that although many schemes of health department are implemented for the welfare of the new borns and for acquiring knowledge of mother but there are still some mothers who are still ignorant and not aware on different aspects of child care and development.

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