

Research Paper :

Clothing practices of visually imparied children

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ABSTRACT

Clothing is one of the most personal components of daily life. Physical disability affects the type of clothing that can be worn. For visually impaired, dressing is a very difficult and often impossible task. Thus, there is a great need to clothing design ideas for visually impaired. Respondents faced clothing problem *i.e.* Problem faced by mothers while training the children for clothing. Problem faced by wearing the lower and upper garments, donning and doffing of the garments, bringing garments from the wardrobe, problem with fasteners, cannot identify the garments, cannot identify the front and back of the garments and cannot identify the colour.

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Clothing is one of the basic necessities of human life. Clothing has been recognized as a primary need of mankind throughout the world. It is one of the most personal components of daily life. Clothes render on individual identity.

As the nearest “environment” clothing affects a person’s physical, psychological and social comfort. Clothing can signify ones membership in a special group. Regardless of any disability one can from a variety of clothing styles and fabrics that contribute to physical, psychological and social comfort. (Brown, 2003)

The children with visually impaired, face a number of problems while performing their daily activities thus use support of crutches, guards, spints, calipers and requirements. Parents play an important role in rehabilitant these children. These clothing problems may be minimized by designing suitable garments for the needy to supplement their personality. The objectives are as follows: to study the clothing practices of visually impaired children and to find out the problems encountered by the mother of visually impaired children while training the child for dressing and undressing.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The present study was conducted on visually impaired children at Rajkiya Pragya -Chakshu Blind School of Udaipur city. This research was based on

clothing practices of visually impaired children. Samples of 30 respondents were purposively selected for the present study for getting the complete and desired information using personal interview method. The collected data was pre-tested on 25 non-sample subjects. The collected data was analyzed for percentage and frequency.

OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The findings obtained from the present study are presented below:

General information of the respondents:

The respondents were studied for their age, religion, family type, family occupation (Table 1).

Table 1: Frequency and percentage distribution of respondents by general information (n = 30)

Sr. No.	Aspect	categories	F	%
1.	Age	6-8	16	53.33
		8-10	14	46.67
2.	Religion	Hindu	30	100.00
3.	Family type	Joint	12	40.00
		Nuclear	18	60.00
4.	Family occupation	Service	14	46.67
		Business	16	53.33