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A Sociological Study on Primary Socialization

‘A sociological study on primary socialization and the function of the parties involved’ is a study focusing on the children aged between 2-5 years in the Vilgamdematava village in the Maspotha Divisional Secretariat in the Kurunegala district, Wayamba province. These children are in their primary childhood facing socialization along with their parents, grandparents, relatives, and other parties. The sociologists, anthropologists and psychologists have pointed out that this socializing experience is important in building their lives. This study focusses on how the parties involved, perform their duties in this process. Accordingly, the study was conducted by using primary and secondary data. The techniques were the functional method, questionnaire, historical and comparative methods. The data was presented using descriptions, charts, and graphs. It was revealed that the parties involved such as parents, grandparents, relations and guardians have little knowledge on primary socialization of children and this is common in villages. Other parties involved in primary socialization are nursery teachers, religious leaders, government officers and others who have an awareness on this. Though they have contributed to this, it is not sufficient for a successful socializing process. Accordingly, most of the children of 2-5 years move towards secondary socialization with deficiencies. The study finds that the parties should pay attention on their contribution towards pre-childhood development. They should also be made aware of primary socialization, and the support of the others should be obtained.

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