Socio Economics and its effects on child development

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**Introduction**

Socioeconomics is the area of study which is the combination of two another wide areas of studies i.e. sociology and economics. This area of study has proposed many theories and research methods from both the disciplines economics and sociology and also other social sciences disciplines. It is the field that interlinks and examines the effects of both social and economical factors and develops an understanding that how both of them effects the various other areas of society.

Socio-economics acknowledges that there are many topics that were once thought to be belonged to sociology have an economic dimension as well therefore they are considered by many economists around the world. These topics range from health and education to family life dynamics and child care issues (Shane Hall, eHow contributor).

Socio economics has a deep impact on an individual’s life in many ways; it develops a better understanding of economic activities within a society and the economics classes that represent the society as well. (Danev, 2009.)

**Discussion**

Social and economical development of a society not only contributes and integrates the socioeconomic activity of the society and country on the whole but it also it has a deep impact on an individual’s family life especially on the health and education and nutrition of the children.

The socioeconomic status of a family in the society is dependent on the total amount of income that the family earns, level of education of the elders of the family, the occupation they belong to, their social status and their respect level among the society (Demarest, et.all, 1993).This socioeconomic status of the families effects the quality of life of the children in many ways especially in their health, education and nutrition aspects. Families that belong to high socioeconomic status are more successful in providing their children with quality of education and health care facilities as they have an access to large number of resources, they provide their children with healthy diet that ensures their health and even if they require treatment for any minor or major illness, all the medical facilities are in their reach. Well off families are capable of providing their children with high standard toys, learning books and everything that can contribute in their childhood development.

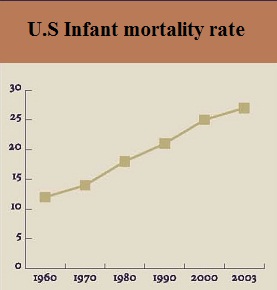
Health, education and nutrition are the major issues among all the socioeconomic challenges that parents face when it comes to facilitating children with basic care. People who belong to poor families are the ones who strive hard to attain the basic needs of life which includes food, shelter and clothing .For them books or education, toys, games and healthy outing are counted in luxuries (Shane Hall, eHow contributor), they are unable to provide them with the healthy diet and medical facilities as they cannot afford it. In such an adverse situation education is never their priority because they spent whole day working hard to earn basic necessities of life and finding cheaper ways to stimulate young children’s growth.

Families that earn an average income usually faces limited amount of resources to proved their children with health and education ,though they prioritize education and ensures better health facilities still there are many advanced health facilities and higher education which are not affordable for them also.

Many researches that have been conducted on and off have proved that the children belonging to the families with constant poverty have more adverse effects than to those who belong to families with temporal poverty, while children suffering from both kinds of poverty are more adversely affected than children belonging to rich families. Such diversified socioeconomic differences within a society effects the early childhood period in both psychological and physical ways. (McLoyd, 1998).

**Factual information**

1. India being hugely-populated country have complex socioeconomic structure ,though it private sector is gaining a boom but this has also created a large gap between rich and poor and because of this socioeconomic inequality ,health and education of the children in India is effecting the society .A large increase of people is recorded between 1986 and 1995 who could not afford basic medical facility and education for their children and this proportion is likely increased by double in last ten years.( Deogaonkar, 2004).
2. United states ,despite of being the only country among all which spends the largest percentage of its GDP on health care facilities, has fallen from being amongst the top in life expectancy and infant mortality to near the bottom among developed countries. Turkey, Mexico and three of the soviet nation countries among the thirty countries in OECD constantly rank lower than U.S. on such indicators.( Schoeni F.R,et.all,2009)



**Conclusion**

Socioeconomics has a deep impact in the upbringing of the children in a society, as it divides the society in classes on the bases of their economic strength and hence limiting the resources for the parents belonging to these classes to provide their children with basic health and education facilities. It determines status of the families within the society due to which children suffer mentally and physically both.

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