

Research Methodology

1.1 Research Fundamentals

- The purpose of research
- The focus of research
- Sampling
 - Methods
 - Sample group
 - Sample size
- Types of data
 - Primary and secondary
 - Qualitative and quantitative
- Sources of data
 - Individuals and groups
 - Print and digital
- Reliability and validity
- Ethical behaviour
 - Respect
 - Integrity
 - Privacy
 - Bias

1.2 Research Methods

- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Case studies
- Observations
- Literature reviews

1.3 Research Process

- Planning for research
 - Formulating a research proposal
 - Managing resources
- Conducting research
 - Accessing sources of data
 - Collecting and recording data
 - Documenting actions and issues
- Interpreting research
 - Presenting research findings
 - Analysing research results
 - Drawing conclusions from research

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Groups in Context

2.1 Youth: Within the Community

- Prevalence of youth within the community
- Individual diversity within youth
- Terminology used by the community to describe youth

2.2 Youth: Satisfaction of Needs

- Specific needs of youth
 - Adequate standard of living (food, clothing, shelter)
 - Health
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Safety and security
 - Sense of identity

2.3 Youth: Access to Services

- Types of services
 - Financial support
 - Transport
 - Accommodation and housing
 - Health care
 - Counselling
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Legal aid
- Factors affecting access to services
 - Characteristics of individuals within the group
 - Resources
 - Aspects of the service

2.4 Rural and Remote Families: Within the Community

- Prevalence of rural and remote families within the community
- Individual diversity within rural and remote families
- Terminology used by the community to describe rural and remote families

2.5 Rural and Remote Families: Satisfaction of Needs

- Specific needs of rural and remote families
 - Adequate standard of living (food, clothing, shelter)
 - Health
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Safety and security
 - Sense of identity

2.6 Rural and Remote Families: Access to Services

- Types of services
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Parenting and Caring

3.1 Becoming a Parent or Carer

- Types of parents and carers
 - Biological parents
 - Social parents
 - Carers
- The roles of parents and carers
 - Satisfying the specific needs of the dependant
 - Building a positive relationship with the dependant
 - Promoting the wellbeing of the dependant
- Preparations for becoming a parent or carer
 - Changing health behaviours
 - Enhancing knowledge and skills
 - Modifying the physical environment
 - Organising finances

3.2 Factors Affecting the Roles of Parents and Carers

- Characteristics of the dependant
 - Age
 - Skills/capabilities
 - Special needs
- Influences on parents and carers
 - Personal
 - Social
- Styles of parenting or caring
 - Authoritarian
 - Democratic
 - Permissive/indulgent
 - Negligent
- Rights and responsibilities in parenting and caring
 - Legal rights of parents, carers and dependants
 - Responsibilities of parents and carers

3.3 Support for Parents and Carers

- Types of support
 - Informal
 - Formal
- Types of services provided through formal support
 - Health care
 - Education
 - Financial support
 - Childcare
 - Respite care
 - Counselling

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Family and Societal Interactions

4.1 Supporting and Protecting Individuals and Families

- Role of legislation
 - To protect members of society
 - To promote a just and cohesive society
 - To set guidelines for socially acceptable behaviour
 - To provide processes to settle disputes peacefully
 - To outline what governments can and cannot do
- Role of community organisations and agencies
 - How community organisations support government legislation and initiatives

4.2 Protecting Children

- The government's role
 - Legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children
 - Government agencies that implement and monitor these laws
- The community's role in providing for the wellbeing of children
 - Children's services
 - Schools and out-of-school care
 - Leisure activities
 - Not-for-profit organisations and support groups

4.3 Assisting Young People to Become Young Adults

- The government's role in regulating rights of young people
 - Licensing drivers
 - School attendance
 - Access to tobacco and alcohol
 - Gambling regulations
 - Right to vote
 - Legal age for sexual relationships and marriage
 - Gaining other entitlements
 - Workplace protections
- The community's role in supporting young people
 - Health care
 - Leisure and recreation
 - Community support organisations

4.4 Being a Responsible Adult Family Member

- Government's role in supporting adults and families
 - Current legislation supporting adults and families
- Community support for adults and families
 - Counselling for individuals and families
 - Health services
 - Women's refuges
 - Community support organisations

4.5 The Aged

- Issues for the aged
 - Government legislation and entitlements for the aged
 - Community support for the aged
 - Recognising the aged as a valuable community resource

Social Impact of Technology

5.1 Defining Technology

- Technology as hardware
- Technology as software
- Technology as organisation of knowledge
- Historical perspectives
 - The Digital Revolution
 - The Information Age

5.2 Reasons for the Development of Technology

- Improve upon existing technology
- Economic benefit
- Consumer demand and human needs
- Social betterment
- The global community
- Response to social problems

5.3 Factors Affecting Access to and Acceptance of Technology

- Age
- Culture
- Education
- Economic status
- Disability
- Geographical location
- Gender
- Religion

5.4 The Impact of Technology on Lifestyle

- Technologies and the family
 - Household technology
 - Information and communication technology
 - Entertainment technology
- Technologies and the community
 - Education and training
 - Transport and travel
 - Health and medicine
 - Food
 - Leisure and entertainment
- Technologies and the workplace
 - Safety technology
 - Information and communication technology
 - Structure of the workplace
 - Introduction of technology into the workplace

5.5 Technological Development

- Issues related to information and communication technology
 - Privacy and safety
 - Security of information
 - Accuracy of information
 - Information overload
 - Copyright
- Impact of emerging technologies
 - Ethics
 - Equity and access
 - Health and safety
 - Economic
 - Environmental
 - Education and learning

5.6 A Selected Piece of Technology

- Issues related to technological development
 - Reasons for the development of the technology
 - Factors affecting access to and acceptance of the technology
 - Impact on lifestyle and wellbeing of the technology

Individuals and Work

6.1 The Nature of Work

- Reasons people work
 - To meet specific needs
 - Economic
 - Value and status
- The labour force
 - Labour force concepts and terms
 - Labour force participation across the life span
- Patterns of work
 - Full-time, part-time, job share, casual
 - Permanent, temporary/contract
 - Self-employed
 - Shift work
 - Voluntary
 - Seasonal
 - Working remotely
 - Others

6.2 Changing Work Patterns

- Social factors leading to changing work patterns
 - Education/retraining
 - Technology
 - Employment/unemployment
 - Perceptions of gender
 - Family circumstances, including structural change
 - Government policy
 - Economics

6.3 Structures that Support Individuals in the Workplace

- Rights and responsibilities
 - Employees
 - Employers
- Workplace structures
 - Legislation
 - Work conditions
 - Trade unions
 - Flexible work patterns and practices
 - Workplace culture
 - Leave entitlements

6.4 Maintaining Work and Life Balance

- Individual roles
 - Personal commitments and interests
- Individual strategies for managing multiple roles
 - Negotiating and sharing roles
 - Managing resources
 - Using technology
 - Accessing support
 - Utilising workplace structures

6.5 Youth Employment

- Issues that impact on youth employment
 - Personal management skills required in the workplace
 - Steps taken to prepare and plan for a career
 - Predominant patterns of work of young people
 - Rights and responsibilities of young people in the workplace

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