

HUBUNGAN TINGKAT PENGETAHUAN ORANG TUA TENTANG PEMELIHARAAN GIGI DAN MULUT DENGAN PENGALAMAN KARIES PADA ANAK PRASEKOLAH DI PAUD AL-JIHAD KABUPATEN SUBANG

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ABSTRAK

Latar Belakang: Anak usia prasekolah merupakan masa pertumbuhan bagi seorang anak. Masalah karies merupakan kasus yang dialami oleh anak prasekolah. Kondisi ini sangat memprihatinkan mengingat usia anak prasekolah masih membutuhkan peran orang tua dalam merawat kesehatan terutama kesehatan gigi. Dalam hal ini pengetahuan orang tua sangat diperlukan dalam membimbing dan memberikan perhatian yang lebih agar anak tidak mengalami karies. **Tujuan penelitian:** mengetahui hubungan tingkat pengetahuan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan pengalaman karies pada anak prasekolah di PAUD Al-Jihad Kabupaten Subang. **Metode:** penelitian dengan rancangan *crosssectional*, populasi sebanyak 40 orang, terdiri dari siswa PAUD Al-Jihad sebanyak 20 siswa dan orang tua siswa tersebut sebanyak 20 orang, pengambilan sampel menggunakan metode *non random sampling*. Data diambil dengan cara pemeriksaan karies gigi pada anak serta pembagian daftar pertanyaan (kuesioner) pada orangtua anak. Data dianalisis menggunakan uji statistik *chi-square*. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan pengetahuan orang tua tentang kesehatan gigi dan mulut anak prasekolah di PAUD Al-Jihad sebagian besar dengan kriteria sedang (40%), pengalaman karies pada anak prasekolah sebagian besar dengan kriteria tinggi (55%), terdapat hubungan antara pengetahuan orangtua dengan pengalaman karies pada anak prasekolah yaitu ($p=0,01 < \alpha: 0,05$). Pada penelitian ini dapat disimpulkan bahwa ada hubungan tingkat pengetahuan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan pengalaman karies pada anak prasekolah di PAUD Al-Jihad Kabupaten Subang. Disarankan untuk dilakukan penyuluhan kesehatan gigi dan mulut pada orang tua sehingga diharapkan dapat meningkatkan pengetahuan dan kesadaran masyarakat dalam memelihara kesehatan gigi dan mulut.

Kata Kunci : Pengetahuan, pengalaman karies, anak prasekolah

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**RELATIONSHIP LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTS ABOUT
DENTAL AND MAINTENANCE WITH EXPERIENCE
CARIES IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AT PAUD
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ABSTRACT

Background: Preschool age children are a period of growth for a child. Caries problem is a case experienced by preschoolers. This condition is very concerning considering that preschool children still need the role of parents in caring for their health, especially dental health. In this case, parental knowledge is needed in guiding and giving more attention so that children do not experience caries. Research objective: to determine the relationship between the level of knowledge of oral health and caries experience in preschool children at PAUD Al-Jihad, Subang Regency. Methods: research with a cross-sectional design, a population of 40 people, consisting of 20 Al-Jihad PAUD students and 20 students' parents, sampling using non-random sampling method. Data was collected by examining dental caries in children and distributing a list of questions (questionnaire) to the child's parents. Data were analyzed using the chi-square statistical test. The results showed that most of the parents' knowledge about dental and oral health of preschool children in PAUD Al-Jihad was mostly moderate (40%), caries experience in preschool children was mostly with high criteria (55%), there was a relationship between parental knowledge and experience. caries in preschool children ($p=0.01 < \alpha: 0.05$). In this study it can be concluded that there is a relationship between the level of dental and oral health knowledge and caries experience in preschool children at PAUD Al-Jihad, Subang Regency. It is recommended to carry out dental and oral health counseling to parents so that it is hoped that it can increase public knowledge and awareness in maintaining dental and oral health.

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