

ABSTRACT

A Phenomenological Case Study: The Experiences of Two Teenage Mothers at an All-Girls' Denominational Secondary School in Port of Spain: Before, During and After Their Pregnancies

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This case study sought to investigate the educational, socio-economic, and psycho-emotional experiences of two teenage mothers before, during, and after their pregnancies. Data were collected through document analysis, as well as through interviews held with two students of an all-girls' secondary school in Port of Spain, Trinidad. It was found that the participants had both differences and similarities in their social and economic situations and that their main concerns were their financial situations, uncertainty about school, and how to care for their babies. Both students cited insufficient study time, irregular school attendance, financial hardship, and being overwhelmed by the demands of motherhood as challenges they faced on returning to school after their pregnancies.

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