

ABSTRACT

Teenage Mothers Returning to the Secondary School System: Insights Into Challenges and Associated Issues

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This study investigated the lived experiences related to the challenges and issues faced by teenage mothers in Trinidad and Tobago, who returned to the secondary school system to continue their education. Data were collected through interviews held with a purposive sample of three adolescent mothers. The findings showed that the challenges faced by the participants were varied and not of a severe nature. These challenges were generally social, emotional, and educational, and usually involved unsupportive people, family members, peers, teachers, and community members.

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