

Title : Feasibility Study in Preparation for the Establishment of the Elderly School According to the social and cultural area of Ban Thai Sub-District, Khueang Nai District, Ubon Ratchathani Province.

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Abstract

The objectives of this research were : 1) to study the Context of the elderly and community. 2) to Preparation for the Establishment of an Elderly School. 3) The proper approach to prepare for the establishment of a school of the elderly. The survey in this study used are questionnaire, an interview , and groups discussion. The procedure needed participation of the leader of the community, elders, village wise men, public health volunteers, and villagers from Ban Thai community. The type of this research was a community-based research focusing on Participatory Action Research. The targeted group of this study was the elders of Ban Thai Community.

The results were as follows:

1) The elderly living by occupation, but traditional and also have a relatively large contingent liabilities , such as Thai silk , pillow , basketry , products from banana and carve beautifully the banana plant.

2) The elderly want have established an Elderly School in the center of the community, need learning management on Sunday and only a month 1 times and provide community shuttle service to the elderly in the school .

3) The proper approach to prepare for the establishment of a school of the elderly follows :

In terms of the management, it is found that the elderly prefer to work with the local intellectual through the elderly clubs for the school activities.

In terms of the location, environment, and services, it is found that the elderly prefer the close proximity to school with enough space to organize learning and extra-curricular activities.

In terms of the school activities, the questionnaire and in-depth interviews indicate that the elderly prefer musical activities, vocational training, and social/cultural/ religious activities.

In terms of the community's participation and network, it is found that the elderly need the transportation service to hospital when they are sick at the school. They also need the Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education to participate in the promotion of suitable vocational training for the elderly.

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