

# THE REALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO DEAF-BLIND PEOPLE FROM THE VIEWPOINTS OF MOTHERS IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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**ABSTRACT\_** *The aim of the current study was to identify the viewpoints of mothers regarding the nature of services being provided to deaf-blind children, determine the types of services and highlight reasons hindered the delivery of services in the centers specialized in delivering services to this category of children from mothers' viewpoints. The sample of the study consisted of (30) deaf-blind mothers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The female researcher depended on the qualitative descriptive approach using interviews. The results showed that a percentage of (66.7%) thought that the services being provided weren't suitable for the children. While (66.7%) thought that health services were the most important type of services to support deaf-blind needs. The challenges hindered delivery of services were lack of statistical recording of the phenomenon and the inability to take the appropriate therapeutic decisions. The researcher recommended providing specialized centers for measurement and diagnosis of deaf-blind and the necessity of providing free centers to provide services and programs to them.*

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