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Intergenerational Services in the Formal Care Industry: A Case Study

Summary: Over the last several decades, intergenerational programs have become an increasingly popular model for addressing the human service needs of older adults. These programs aim at addressing social issues by incorporating multiple generations into service delivery, rather than segregating services by generational group. While intergenerational programs have grown in numerous human service fields (i.e. education, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS), they have especially proliferated in the field of caregiving. As the number of intergenerational programs has increased, there has been a growing body of scholarship of this human service model. However, the majority of research has examined the effects this model has on participants, with little known on how integrating two disciplines (i.e. early childhood development and gerontology) may affect organizational processes. To develop a better understanding about intergenerational organizations, this research utilized qualitative research methods to provide an in-depth analysis of an organization that has been providing intergenerational care-related services over the last several decades. It examined both the external and internal structures of the organization to observe the dynamics and implications of such service as well as the viability of this human service model.