

Perceptions of Childcare and Parenting Support Among Working Parents

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the abstract, the sentence "The final sample size was determined by theoretical saturation" needs clarification. Specify the exact number of participants in the sample to provide clearer insight into the study's scope.

Clarify how the semi-structured interview guide was developed. Include information on whether it was pilot tested and how the questions were derived to ensure rigor in your data collection process.

In the results section, the theme "Experiences with Current Childcare Arrangements" includes diverse subcategories. Consider organizing these subcategories more distinctly to enhance clarity. For instance, separate availability, quality, and cost into different themes.

When presenting participant quotations, include identifiers such as pseudonyms or participant numbers. This will help readers track which quotes are from the same participants and understand the context better.

The limitations section notes that the study was conducted in a specific geographic area. Explicitly state how the cultural context might influence the findings and suggest how future research can address these limitations.

Authors revised the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction mentions the theory of work-family conflict. Consider elaborating on how this theoretical framework specifically informs your research questions and methodology. This will strengthen the theoretical grounding of your study.

The literature review discusses the importance of high-quality childcare but lacks recent sources. Incorporate more recent studies, particularly those post-2020, to reflect the latest research trends and findings in this area.

The methods section states that participants were from "various professional backgrounds." Provide a detailed breakdown of participants' professions to enhance the reader's understanding of the sample diversity.

The discussion section could benefit from a stronger link back to the literature. For example, when discussing the high costs of childcare, compare your findings with those of Feierabend and Staffelbach (2015) in greater detail.

The discussion mentions the need for improved childcare policies. Provide more specific recommendations based on your findings, such as suggestions for specific policy changes or programs that could address the identified challenges.

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