

THE EMPOWERMENT OF DISABILITY SOCIAL REHABILITATION CENTRE'S VOLUNTEER IN EARLY INTERVENTION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DLINGO, BANTUL

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ABSTRACT

The development of services to children with special needs or disabilities with community-based approach is one solution that can solve the problem of limited facilities, especially in areas that are far from urban areas. Social rehabilitation approach to community-based disability was implemented in several regions in Indonesia including in Dlingo Bantul. Community-based early intervention services for children with disabilities can be done by a volunteer of Social Rehabilitation Disability Centre. This community service program aims to empower a volunteer of Social Rehabilitation Disability Centre in conducting early intervention programs for children with special needs. This program consists of two main activities, including training and mentoring. Training is conducted through methods such as lectures, discussions, and simulations. After getting the training participants implement the training materials with the assistance of a team. The target audience at this program are 25 volunteers of Social Rehabilitation Disability Centre in Dlingo Subdistrict, Bantul. Evaluation of service activities carried out by taking into account indicators of the presence of participants, active participation in the activities, and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of early intervention. The results of community service is related to increase the volunteer of Social Rehabilitation Disability in Rural Dlingo to perform identification programs and early intervention through Posyandu activities that already exist in each village demonstrated by the ability of cadres to educate the public about the crew in particular in order preventing the birth of children with disability. Nevertheless, further training is still needed to increase capacity and skills of volunteers.

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