

Incorporating Arts into Community Health Research

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How have we used the arts in research?

Setting Agenda

Building relationships

Collecting experiences/research tool

Using as interventions

Giving people a voice

Communicating results







Participatory Approach for Nutrition in Children: Strengthening Health Education Engineering Environment Linkages













Community Engagement





Skit on importance of handwashing.

feeding practices

"When the child starts crying after birth, then the breast milk is produced and mother is ready to breastfeed the child."

Mother, Kushalgarh

"Breastfeeding totally depends on the mother's ability to produce milk. If childbirth has taken place in the evening, then mothers can produce breast milk and breastfeed only after 12'o clock in the midnight"

Mother, Ghatol

"In the first half of the day we get only threefour hours and in between we get only around 15 minutes to care for the child."

Mother, Kushalgarh

"When the child starts to cry, the mother comes to breastfeed them." Grandmother, Ghatol

"We do face problems in feeding the breast milk to the child in the beginning, but in the later stage as the child grows, the difficulties reduce." Mother, Ghatol

"In the summer season the child becomes thirsty, so water is given to the child. We also recommend mothers to give water sometimes." AWW, Ghatol



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complementary feeding

"Almost all mothers introduce semi-solid food (upari ahar) from the seventh month. We counsel the mothers that this is important for proper growth of the child," AWW, Ghatol

"After 6 months child starts drinking milk (dairy), We also give Rab (grounded maize porridge), biscuits dipped in water and sometimes daal ka pani. We know what to give and what not to give to the child. AWW also tells us about this. We are the ones who take care of all things related to the child like cooking and feed-

Mother, Ghatol

"In our village, in AWC the poshahar is distributed every 8 days. Mothers take the poshahar and give to the child after preparing it. After 6 months, the poshahar should be given in a small quantity in the morning. Initially very small quantity and then increase little more amount and feed the child accordingly."

"The AWW tells us to boil the poshahar in water and add sugar to it. We give only small quantity, but do not measure. We also feed the children with our fingers, so cannot say how much the child actually eats. Sometimes if there is left over, the older children of 3 years and above also eat the Take Home Ration." Mother, Kushalgarh

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THE EARLY YEARS

A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

A Global Art & Science exhibition on the first 1000 days of a child's life







Stimulating debate

Virtual Gallery tour

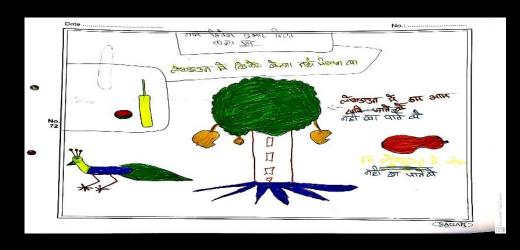
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Arts and Science Panel discussion

COVID Art Workshop







A COVID Prayer

I hear the voices of those that die

The souls trapped deep inside

They lived to be released to God

Not thrown and left aside

They believed and prayed all through their lives

So what did they do wrong

They went to pray once more for life

And left us all to cry

Oh God, did they deserve this

What did they do so wrong

But to be poor all through their life

Then left alone to die

Let's pray for all who left us

During this distressing time

Please give their souls some peace

tonight

Whilst we say our goodbyes

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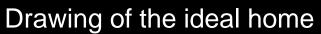
Myths and Beliefs Teaser clip



Children in Homeless Accommodations Managing Pandemic Invisibility Or Non-inclusive Strategies

Workshop with families









A "Croydon person" and owl made by the children out of healthy food



"Any form of art is a form of power; it has impact, it can affect change – it can not only move us, it makes us move"

Jeanne Noble