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Abstract

This study investigates the views of the parents of male preschool teachers concerning their son's chosen career. Much research has been conducted in relation to views of male preschool teacher candidates, male preschool teachers and their female colleagues about their career choice. However, research related to views of male teachers' parents is limited. Preschool teaching is thought as a female dominant profession. However, recently, population of male preschool teachers is increasing. The low rate of male in the field of ECE is a strong social issue (Farquhar, 2012). Although career choices of young people show that gender discrimination in some jobs has started to decrease (Farquhar, 1997), the views of the older generation should not be ignored and should not be neglected by researchers.

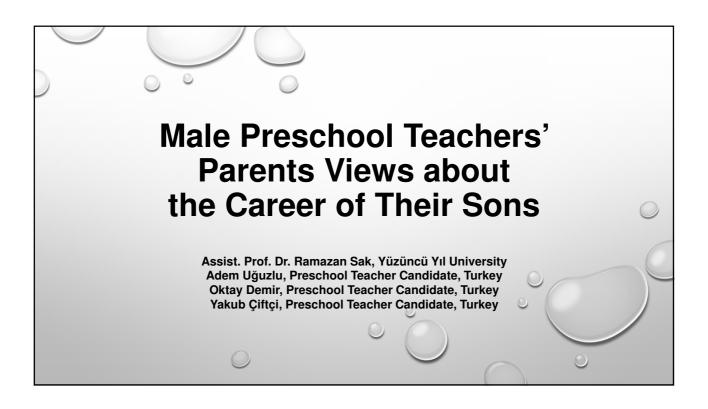
This is a qualitative research project. Fifteen parents voluntarily participated in this study, comprising nine fathers and six mothers. A semi-structured interview protocol was developed to collect the data which was analysed via word-repetition technique and the main themes were determined. The purpose of the study was explained to the volunteers then before they were interviewed they signed the consent form. The findings elicited from the study give an insight concerning the views of the older generation in relation to the career choice of the younger generation. For instance, they want their sons to be a lawyer, an engineer or a doctor rather than being a preschool teacher. The results are relevant in the context of vocational orientation, mentoring, and especially for measures aiming at a better gender-balanced workforce.

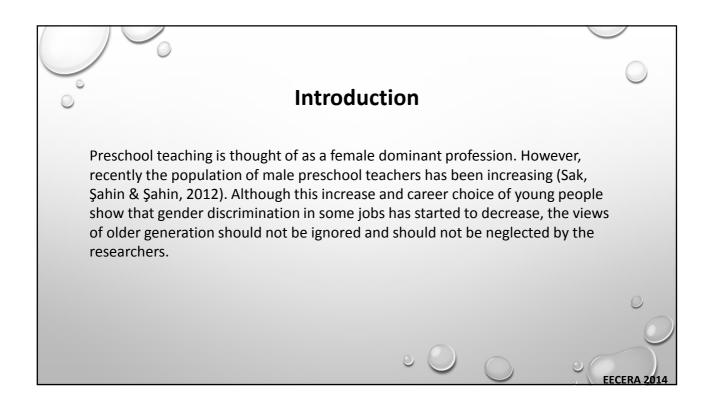
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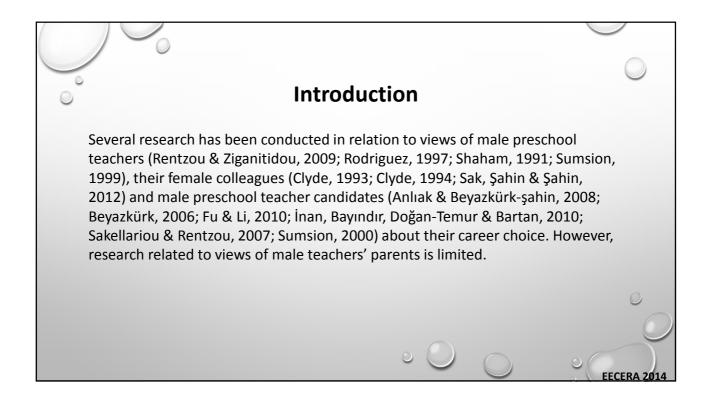
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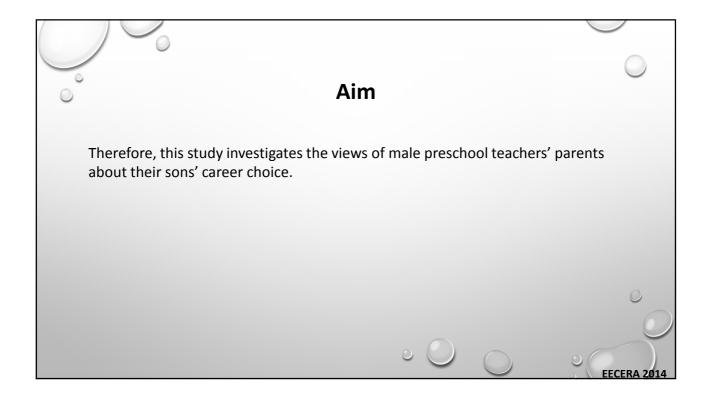
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0	Participants			
0	 ✓ Participants of this study were 15 parents whose sons have been working as preschool teachers. ✓ While nine of them were fathers, six mothers participated in this study. ✓ Ages of parents varied between 55 and 65+ (Table 1). Table 1. Age of parents 			
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	60-64	4		
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