The policy argumentation of early intervention policy for children with developmental delays or disabilities

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Early child development is a concerned problem in health care. However, the Early Intervention Policy was hard to execute in Taiwan. The purpose of this study was to explore the rationality of argumentation which the different parents argue the policy of Early Intervention Policy for children with developmental delays or disabilities in Taiwan. The document analysis and in-depth interview are adopted. In addition, policy argument and content analysis are regarded as the method of analyzing and processing data. The interview with six parents used Early Intervention Policy was based on the ethics mode of policy argumentation by Dunn. The policy process contains six steps: Policy information, claim, warrant, backing, object and rebuttal. The findings of this study showed that the management mode of the expert first causes the gap of the mutual communication. However, the main experts only were the medical team, not the parents. It was worth to note that when the parents did not follow the experts’ instructions, they had been criticized as not know about the developmental delays or disabilities as well. The controversy of the ambivalent signs and the insufficiency of the integrated resource were ignored and therefore the parents were busier to assume more parental responsibility. The policy is far away from the principle of participation. This is the main reason causes the dilemma of the Early Intervention Policy for children with developmental delays or disabilities in Taiwan. Some suggestions are proposed to the nursing practice, education and policy as well.

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