INTRODUCTION
Rural urban migration has brought about slums in cities such as Accra in Ghana. Slum dwellers include both street boys and girls. In some cases, the girls are robbed and raped resulting in sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and pregnancies. Few weeks after giving birth, they leave their babies in centers from early morning until late in the evening to embark on their work on the street, which unfortunately affects their attachment relations with their infants.

STREET GIRLS
These are girls between the ages of 9 and 23, who live in slums and work on streets. Their work includes carrying heavy wares such as farm produce, and cartons of canned food produce on their heads from one point to another within the city for their clients, and for a fee. Locally, they are called ‘kayayo’. Every day, these girls leave their little babies in day care centers located in their slum dwelling places while they go to pursue their economic activities on the street.

CONDITIONS AT THE DAY CARE CENTERS
- Overcrowded classrooms with about 80-100 infants in each class, with 2 caregivers. The rooms are poorly ventilated. Children stay indoors throughout the day. There are no toys and other outdoor play equipments. Child abuse is visibly common in these centers as well.
- All these conditions contradicts the set standards of the Early Childhood Care and Development policy of Ghana and the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education.

PRESENT STUDY
This study looks at the poor nature of the day care centers in the slums where the infants of street girls spend their days. It also looks at possible interventions that can be developed to make the centers attractive and child friendly for the infants.

METHOD
Twenty five street girls with children aged between 6 months and 3 years old, who are enrolled in the center for at least six months will participate in the study. A one day meeting with mothers of the infants, their caregivers and other resource persons will be held one Sunday afternoon to discuss the planned intervention. Sunday was chosen because it’s the first day of the week, and a non-working day in Ghana. It is a day off rest where shops are not opened and as such these girls do not go to work or carry out any economic activity.

THE INTERVENTION
- a. weekly visit to the center by mothers for one hour to have quality time with their infants through eating and play.
- b. invite an expert to train mothers on how to make simple play toys using local materials for their infants.
- c. solicit for toys for children from parents through organized programmes in churches and communities.
- d. involve both international and local Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to assist in upgrading the center with the provision of proper sanitary equipments, refurbishing the center through painting.
- e. monthly visits by health officials to check on the health status of the children.
- f. collaborate with NGOs, Faith-Based Organisations (FBOs), and other International agencies to set up vocational training centers to enable street girls to learn a vocation that will take them off the streets.
- g. Domestic abuse of children should be discouraged and stopped since that is one of the reasons why these girls leave their homes and move to live on the streets.
- h. Cultural practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that also cause some girls to leave their homes in some communities must also be discouraged.

EXPECTED RESULTS:
- The center will be equipped with various play equipments.
- Street girls (mothers) will form a greater attachment bond with their infants.
- Participating mothers will be rewarded with some goodies each time they visit the center.
- Street girls will get to know each other more and assist each others child whenever the need arise.
- A Parent-Teacher Association will be established for the welfare of children.
- Sanitation in and around the center will be greatly improved.
- Improvement in the health status of children at the center.

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