



Early childhood education and cultural learning: systematic observation of the behaviour of a caregiver at the Emmi Pikler nursery school during breakfast / Educación temprana y aprendizaje cultural: observación sistemática de la conducta de la educadora Pikler durante el desayuno

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Abstract: The objective of this study is to analyse the everyday behaviour of a caregiver at the Emmi Pikler nursery school in Budapest as she manages the breakfast of the 12 children aged 2-3 under her care, as an example of quality care. The methodology used was observational. The design was idiographic, follow-up and multidimensional, and the observation instrument is a field format developed ad hoc. The relations of sequentiality and association among the caregiver's different behaviours are analysed: the actions related to the breakfast itself, the use of space and the gestures accompanying the actions. The results, which were obtained via a lag sequential analysis, demonstrate the existence of a twofold behavioural pattern, instrumental and relational, in which each instrumental action inherent to breakfast is associated with a specific, unique repertoire of postural accompaniment, a combination of gestures and postures on the part of the caregiver, thus forming a clear, univocal sequence for children to learn the meal routine autonomously.

Keywords: early childhood education; Piklerian pedagogy; cultural learning; educational behaviour; systematic observation; lag sequential analysis

Resumen: El objetivo de esta investigación es analizar la conducta cotidiana de una educadora de la escuela infantil Emmi Pikler de Budapest mientras gestiona el desayuno de los 12 niñas y niños de entre dos y tres años a su cargo, en tanto que cuidado de calidad. La metodología utilizada ha sido la observacional. El diseño es idiográfico, de seguimiento y multidimensional, y el instrumento de observación es un formato de campo construido ad hoc. Se analizan las relaciones de secuencialidad y asociación existentes entre diversas conductas de la educadora: las acciones propias del desayuno, la utilización del espacio y los gestos que acompañan. Los resultados, obtenidos

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