

"Taller Terapéutico de Producción para personas con Esclerosis Múltiple"

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Introduction

This paper describes the experience called "Therapeutic Workshop Production (TTP). It responds to the need for social participation of people with MS, concurrent to the Center for "Esclerosis Múltiple Argentina"(EMA).

Objective:

Contribute to social change and inclusion of persons with disabilities, and to the *resignification* of their role in community participation "

Description / Report

TTP participants are adults with moderate and severe disabilities for which their social and work role have changed. Have a passive attitude and resistance to change.

TTP allows the exploration and discovery of new interests and skills in a peer environment, benefiting the strengthening of skills and a positive impact on their self-esteem. They start making soap to sell to raise money to finance recreational outings. In a second stage the object produced is changed to organic bags with the purpose of contributing with environmental conservation by providing positive message to society.

Results / Discussion

After an assessment, emphasis on obtaining money is reduced and it is focused on the contribution that each person can bring to the community, despite his disability.

Discusses the difficulty of the corporation to accept different people who can not compete in it.

The question is, how can T.O. assist in changing this state of affairs.

With the group agrees on a goal that has to do with this transformation of social values to achieve greater social justice in the future.

Conclusion

Seeing the difficulties which today's society presents to integrate people with disabilities, we conceive this model as a means of transformation of values that will lead to the acceptance of different groups in society.

Disabled people also have the concept of the economic value of individuals. It is important to work with them so that they appropriate these value changes, that will enable them to interact equally with the community.

Contribution to the practice / evidence base of occupational therapy.

Practice not only focuses on the individual but on the social context, optimizing the relationship between the two.