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### **Building empowerment actions and occupational justice with children in social vulnerability-experience report**

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The situation of social vulnerability marks the history of many Brazilian children. This situation brings the necessity of planning and execution of strategies that can possibility the increase of life quality to this people in their real life contexts. In the sense, the occupational therapists understanding that the engagement in meaningful occupations is fundamental to the welfare and health of peoples.

The aim of this paper is relate an intervention experience that was accomplished by teacher and academics of a Occupational Therapy course in a inner city in Brazil.

This intervention was accomplished with children that have six to twelve years old and they were in vulnerability social situation. To these children the routine was marked by violence in familiar and social settings, by use of drug for their parents, familiars and friends, and by the limitation of access to socials rights, as housing, education and health. The interventions happened weekly, in a social support centre in the community. They were building with basis in a problematization approach, with adoption of participative methods. In these actions, we emphasized the development of culturally meanings activities, and this strategy was able to stimulate the children to discovery and valorization of potentialities, and this resulted in increase of self confidence and resilience.

We perceived that the intervention of Occupational Therapy supported by occupational justice principle, it is, by guarantee of possibility of choices and realization of meanings and/or useful occupations , contributed by positive form to the identification and discussion of the local demands, and to the discovery and building of capacities that are necessary to social reality transformation. In the other hand, it is important remember that this transformation depends, also, of direct interventions with families and community where living these children and of the public politics that objective the combat the social inequalities.

In this form, we understand the occupational therapist as the social articulator that support your actions in ethics principles and in the search of occupational justice.