

THE USE OF THE INTERVIEWER-BOX IN THE SURVEY OF WOMEN DEMANDS IN A FAMILY HEALTH UNIT IN RIBEIRÃO PRETO - SP/BRAZIL

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Introduction: The Brazilian health system – SUS – has been investing with significant importance in the entrance door of population to health: the basic attention¹. Its efforts have been occurring in the Family Health Strategy (ESF), which works with prevention, promotion and health recovery. In the ESF, that is mainly based on the link with the individuals, is where the demands appear. **Objectives:** The objective of this work is to relate the experience in supervised trainings in Occupational Therapy in the Social Field, involving the use of the interviewer-box in the identification of the demands of women taken care in the basic attention. **Description:** The interviewer-box was developed to be applied to women in the waiting room of a Family Health Unit of Ribeirão Preto - SP/Brazil. This resource (a box containing magazines clippings that portrayed women in their daily situations and a mirror) was used to favor the nearness of the trainee-therapist and the women and for the recognition of their demands. **Discussion:** While opening the box some women did not know where to start. At this moment, the trainee was supposed to present spaces of shelter and to give support for the questions about the feminine universe and for the share of experiences. Among the pictures, the ones that appeared more frequently were related to themes like domestic work, children attention and body activities. However, themes concerning sexuality and aging had almost not been mentioned, as well as the presence of the mirror and to look (or not) in it. **Conclusion/Contribution to the practice:** The use of pictures with images about daily routine and concrete situations, makes possible that the interviewed person recognizes herself in those situations and expresses her expectations, difficulties, projects, hopes, allowing the approximation of her universe of experiences and feelings, making possible the construction of the Occupational Therapy actions. This activity was used in other situations that involved initial attention to other women, adapting itself to the themes and its reality, seemed to be a facilitating and rich strategy.

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