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## **Occupational Therapy and the social production of value**

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This presentation discusses the social production of value in Occupational Therapy having as a starting point professional practices based on the notion of labor insertion. It will be suggested that the interplay between social occupational therapy and its various strategies for the production of common values is an alternative to clinical rehabilitation practices centered on the subject. Labor and the organization of social enterprises appear, from this perspective, as key elements to foster the emergence of a sense of belonging to a given community and to forward individual production. A real case will be used to discuss the organization of social enterprises formed as labor cooperatives. Such enterprises, standing at the intersection between public assistance and market economy, are seen as hybrid loci from which occupational therapy can develop innovative cultural practices. It will be argued that the cooperative form of organization adds value to both products and production process, once it is organized around the incorporation of differences in the productive process itself. The whole production process, from planning to execution, depends on the possibility of democratic inclusion of a variety of diverse subjects, rhythms and productive capacity. This presentation will suggest ways for occupational therapy to help strengthen such hybrid labor spaces, moving beyond clinical perspectives towards the creation of democratic social contexts.